Welcome



Learning Loving Living

Let all that you do be done in love.

1 Corinthians 16:14

Our school vision

Learning

Offering an ambitious educational experience, developing a lifelong love of learning for all.

Loving

Fostering a spirit of self-worth, compassion and respect across our community.

Living

Together, empowering resilient, responsible global citizens.

Creating leaders who are inspired to serve, enabling us to live life in all its fullness.

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Our Christian Values

Friendship and Respect Forgiveness and Love Compassion and Fairness Resilience and Honesty

Positive Relationships Policy

- Our vision is to enable our children to learn, love, live.
- We expect children to be Ready, Respectful, Safe.
- We offer fair and consistent instructions and consequences which are discussed and explained to pupils.
- Pupils who need additional support to achieve the aims of the policy are given the tools that they need to be valued members of our community.

Explorers staff team

Explorers GS

- Mrs Geraghty- EYFS Leader/SENDCo
- Mrs Shipman- EYFS Leader
- Mrs Cronin- Teaching assistant
- Mrs Wilson- Teaching assistant
- Mrs Daubney 1 to 1 teaching assistant
- Mrs Henson 1 to 1 teaching assistant
- Miss Blow 1 to 1 teaching assistant

Being school ready!

- Sleep hygiene routines
- Please help your child with these key skills:
 - recognising their full name.
 - dressing and undressing on their own.
 - going to the toilet in plenty of time and letting you know when they need the toilet.
 - washing hands after using the toilet and before eating food
- If you have not already done so, please have a look at the following; https://www.hub.primarysteps.co.uk/collections

This is a link to a free course for parents called 'Steps to School'. It is full of advice a tips.

Literacy and Communication-Reading

At this point of the year your child will start on their reading journey.

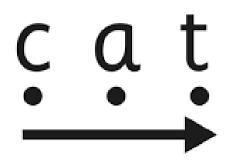
- Wordless picture books
- Decodable phonic books
- Tricky words

Try to practice reading <u>four times a week</u> with your child, this is recorded in their learning journal.

Reading books will come home on a Wednesday to be returned on Monday please.

Phonics

- Phonics is the teaching of visual representations (graphemes*) of individual sounds.
- Daily teaching session throughout the year to learn and practice new sounds.
- Segmenting and blending
- Flashcards
- Tricky words
- Parent section on website see home learning sheet.





^{*}a letter/or letters that represents 1 sound (phoneme)

Maths

- Practical hands on learning.
- Understanding different representations of numbers.
- Mathematical concepts.
- Problem solving through play.
- Simple addition and subtraction.



Curriculum information

Our 'Dimensions' curriculum is focused around four key elements known as the four C's:

- Culture (Friendship and Respect)
- Communication (Resilience and Honesty)
- Conflict (Forgiveness and Love)
- Conservation (Compassion and Fairness)

It is a topic-based approach. While English, Maths, PE, RE and some music will be taught discretely, all other subjects will be taught through interesting, relevant topics.

Phase curriculum information

We have different topics which will run throughout the year.

We will begin with our first topic 'Happy to be me'. This topic will look at similarities and differences between us, our families and being part of our community.

You will be sent home a curriculum newsletter to inform you more about the learning outcomes for the children.

Homework

Throughout the year we will send home different home-learning activities: weekly phonics overview, flashcards, tricky words and we will also send links to songs and jingles which will support the children's learning in the classroom.

Learning opportunities at home:

- Counting objects.
- Looking at picture books and sharing stories.
- Singing nursery rhymes.
- Letter writing

PE/ PPA

PE

- PE days:GS- Thursday and Friday
- PE Kit: A plain red t-shirt with black shorts and plimsolls and/or trainers. In colder weather please send your child with a sports jacket and sports trousers (black in colour).
- Please note that red sports shirts are not acceptable PE kit.

PPA

Mr. Rodgers- Music

Mr. Willerton-PE

Communicating with home

- Daily contact (best after school if possible, once the children have been dismissed from the classroom)
- Termly newsletter from Mrs. Watson
- Parentmail/ FSA
- Parent's evenings
- Phone calls home
- Tapestry
- Follow us on twitter @GonerbyC
- Dojo

Governors

Our Chair of Governors Mr Michael Buckeridge

Currently no Parent governor vacancies but we do have vacancies for other positions, further information will be shared on parentmail.

Dates to remember

- Phonics/ reading meeting:
 Thursday 29th September 9a.m.
- MacMillan coffee morning:
 Friday 30th September
- Harvest Festival: Wednesday 5th October
- School photographs:
 Wednesday 12th October
- Parents' Consultations:
 Tuesday 18th October and Wednesday 19th October

Reminders

Uniform – EVERYTHING must be clearly labelled with your child's name.

Snacks- We provide milk and a fruit snack, however you can provide one. Please remember to cut grapes in half ©

Sickness- 48hrs absence

The End!

Thank you for coming, please leave us your feedback

Any questions?