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Dear Parents

Welcome to the Autumn Term at Brackenbury School. We hope you all enjoyed your summer break and that you are looking forward to the new school year ahead. The children have made a great start to the school year and have settled into their new classes really well.

This term we will be thinking about ourselves and what makes us special. We will be looking at our families and people close to us, what we like doing and what we are good at. The children will also be looking at themselves and how they have grown and changed from when they were babies.

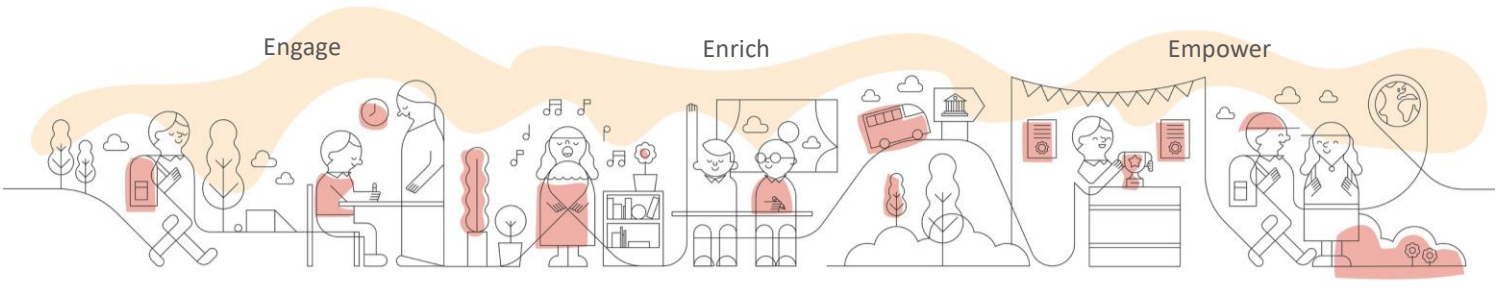
Please could we ask for a family photograph to be provided as soon as possible. This can be a physical photo or a copy emailed to admin@brackenbury.lbhf.sch.uk

Outside play
All children will be given the opportunity to play outside throughout most of the session whatever the weather. Children can get wet, muddy and messy when playing outside. The outdoors gives the children a whole new learning environment where their play can really shine.

Communication & Language-
As we welcome the children into their new school, we will have a number of circle time sessions, where children will be encouraged to listen to each and express their thoughts and feelings clearly. In this first term, we will be discussing topics that are familiar and important to the children and we can't wait to hear about all of their individual interests! In structured sessions, the children will practise listening to each other during carpet times as well as listening to adults share stories, poems and songs on a daily basis. They will practise following simple instructions.

Expressive Arts and Design-
As part of our continuous provision, the children will always have access to a 'workshop' area that includes a mass of different creative resources such as paints, collage materials, paper, etc. The children will be encouraged to use the materials freely to create things representing their own interests. We will be exploring music through singing sessions and also using instruments. This term, the children will also begin their weekly dance sessions 'Wiggle Waggle' where they will follow instructions to use exciting resources!

Understanding the World-
As part of our 'All about Me' topic, we will be looking at similarities and differences between the children, including exploring and celebrating our unique cultures and backgrounds. This will be especially important as we lead up to special festivals in the calendar, including black history month and Diwali. We will also be learning about our school environment and our new school family!



Literacy-

This half term, our focus will be all about starting school and traditional tales. Reading is the cornerstone of our curriculum, and we will be reading texts such as 'The Gingerbread man' and 'the three little pigs' in whole class story time. Children will be encouraged to listen attentively and share their own ideas and opinions to develop comprehension. We will also use role play to recount stories, giving children to opportunity to use and adapt these tales in their independent play. They will begin with exploring Phase 1, which involves identifying the sounds around us, whole body listening and responding to the ideas of others. In terms of writing, children will be encouraged to mark make in a range of ways and contexts, such as creating paintings and drawings.

Mathematics-

Mathematics will be explored during choosing time, where the children will be exposed to using number meaningfully in their play, for example counting how many bricks high a tower is. As we begin whole class lessons, we will be exploring numbers to 5, using lots of counting rhymes and songs. We will also be looking at identifying numerals starting with familiar numerals such as those that represent our age. We will be doing lots of counting activities to help the children develop their 'one-to-one correspondence' (saying one number for each object counted). At this early stage of exploring number, we will focus on challenging children by exploring numbers within their play.

PSHCE-

The main focus for this term is around settling into school. This includes learning the names of class members and the routines and rules of the class.

We are on an exciting journey to becoming a UNICEF Rights Respecting School and will be creating our class charter together discussing our 'new normal' as well as other expectations for school life.

Using circle-time and class discussions, the children will be encouraged to be independent and work together as part of a group, taking turns and sharing fairly. They will be encouraged to try new activities, initiate ideas and speak in familiar and unfamiliar groups. The children will be encouraged to respect both their own needs as well as others.

Reminders

Snacks and water -

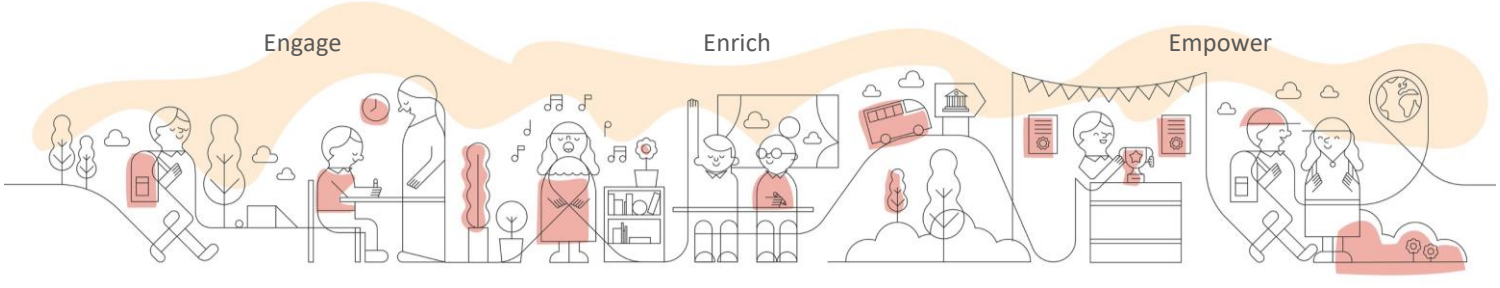
Fresh fruit and/or vegetables, as well as milk are provided in the class each day. Children are also encouraged to bring in a named water bottle to be used in class. A fruit snack can be provided for you child to enjoy in the afternoon.

School uniform -

Please ensure that all items belonging to your child are clearly marked with their names, including coats and hats as we move into the colder weather. More detailed information about the school uniform can be found on our school website; https://www.brackenbury.lbhf.sch.uk/information/uniform/

Spare clothing –

Please ensure that your child has at least spare changes of clothes in a bag that they can keep on their peg. Nursery is a lot of fun and sometimes children may forget to use the toilet!

We look forward to working with you throughout the term.

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