



Welcome to Year R and to Sun and Stars Class!

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Our vision...

BARNCROFT

To be an inclusive school in which all children enjoy an outstanding learning experience, make good progress and leave us as responsible happy citizens.

VISION

Barncroft Expectations

- Home school Agreement –please complete today if you have not already
- Times of the day: 8.45-3.15. If you arrive after 8.55am please come to the front office where you will be signed in and can make a lunch choice.
- School Uniform: We expect children to wear the correct uniform everyday. If they do not have the right clothes or shoes we will lend them spares until home time. We spend a lot of time outdoors so please make sure your child has a coat and jumper every day. It is helpful if your child keeps a named pair of wellies at school.
- Attendance: we expect children to be at school every day unless they are ill. Please let the office know if your child will not be in. Holidays in term time will not be authorised. Parents will be invited for a meeting if attendance falls below 90%. You will receive an attendance report each half term.
- Behaviour: We will be teaching your children about our 6R's and 4C's
- Communication: First is always the class teacher, then the Phase Leader/member of SLT, then the Deputy Head, lastly the Head Teacher.

What will my child need on each day?

- **Lunch choices:** Please look at the newsletter each week and help your child decide what they will have.
- We will help them use the school order system when they arrive in the morning.
No drinks are needed with packed lunch. We have a healthy lunch policy.
- **PE days:** Wednesday in 3 week blocks-Sun class first. We will keep the PE bag at school for a half term unless it gets dirty.
- Expected Kit: Plimsolls-please check size each half term, black shorts. Coloured T-shirt will be provided.
- **Swimming** : Friday starting after half term. Each class will swim for 3 weeks then will have PE for 3 weeks. Dates will be given out by Mrs Dodds before half term
- **Book bag:** Please keep your reading and maths challenge booklets in the book bag so we can check them regularly. Return your story book when you are ready to choose a new one. Return the school reading scheme book every Thursday. Please take any letters and your child's pictures out of the bag to keep at home.. If your child needs a small toy from home for comfort they may keep it in there book bag or drawer.
- **Homework** Spellings will be sent home after half term. They will be sent on Wednesday and should be practised at home until the following Wednesday. Reading books will be changed every Thursday. Please practise the book every day. One maths challenge tasks should be completed each day.

Special Events *dates to be confirmed

- Trips:
- **Autumn 1;** Visitors from Staunton Country park Wed 27/9/17-*no cost*
- **Autumn 2;** Autumn Walk to the Hermitage Stream-*no cost*
- Tues pm 31/10/17 Sun Thurs pm 2/11/17 Stars
- Visitors from Hampshire Air ambulance Tues 20/11/17-*no cost*
- **Spring 1;** Pond and Sea trip to Dell Quay –*approx £6*
- Tues 9/1/18 Sun 11/1/18 Stars Full day
- Our local area-Leigh Park and Emsworth-*approx £2*
- Tues pm 23/1/18 Sun Thurs pm 25/1/18 Stars
- **Spring 2;** Staunton Country Park-*approx £3*
- Tues 13/3/18 Sun Thurs 15/3/18 Stars
- **Summer 2;**
- Minibeast hunt at Hermitage Stream-*no cost*
- Tues pm 5/6/18 Sun Wed pm 6/6/18 Stars

Helpers for trips

- We are always looking for volunteers to help us run our school trips. If you are interested please sign up at the back.

Special days

- 15/12/17 Christmas lunch and wear a Christmas jumper day
- 18/12/17 Christmas Performance 9.30am
- 19/12/17 Christmas Performance pm
- 1/3/18 World Book day-dress up as character
- 9/3/18 Mothers day lunch
- 15/3/18 Book Fair
- 8/6/17 Sports day
- 15/6/18 Fathers day lunch

Meetings and showcases

- Assertive mentoring;
- Sun 15/11/17, 21/2/18
- Stars 16/11/17, 1/3/18
- Curriculum Showcase
- 19/10/17, 19/12/17, 8/2/18, 28/3/18, 19/5/18, 12/7/18

Inset days

- The school is closed for staff training on the following dates:
- 13th October 2017
- 21st December 2017
- 4th January 2018
- 23rd July 2018

These will be given to you on the newsletter closer to the time.

Workshops

- Come along for a workshop and then time to join your child for some play based learning.
- Reading and phonics 22/9/17 2:15
- Writing 10/11/17 2:15
- Maths 9/2/18 2:15
- The Early Learning Goals 20/4/18 2:15

The Early learning Goals

- We aim for all children to achieve the early learning goals to make sure they meet good levels of development. We will report this to Hampshire County Council in June.
- The seven areas of learning are:
 - 1. Communication and language
 - 2. Physical Development
 - 3. Personal, social and emotional development
 - 4. Literacy
 - 5. Mathematics
 - 6. Understanding the world
 - 7. Expressive arts and design.

The Early Learning Goal for Reading

- Children read and understand simple sentences. They use phonic knowledge to decode regular words and read them aloud accurately. They also read some common irregular words. They demonstrate understanding when talking with others about what they have read.

Reading at Barncroft

Expectation

- Read every night as part of homework.
- Reading homework will be discussed with children daily.
- Taught in class every day.

Reading in class

Aims

Children should be able to:

- Blend and segment sounds easily
- Learn and recognise that segmenting words into their constituent phonemes for spelling is the reverse of blending phonemes into words for reading
- Use a variety of strategies to decode a range of texts
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- Whole class teaching of reading through a range of activities focusing on different areas of reading
- One to one reading with a member of staff
- Access to a range of quality texts within the classroom and the library

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How we will get the children to meet expectations and the role of parents in supporting them

- At this time of the year there are a number of activities which we are doing to prepare your children to start writing.
- Gross/Fine Motor.
- Mark Making
- Letters and sounds.

- At home you can support this learning by encouraging your child to do activities which will strengthen your child's shoulders, elbows, wrists and fingers.
- You can support your child by providing them with lots of different drawing and mark making materials.
- You can also support your child by using their phonics pack.

Spelling Homework

- After half term your child will be sent home a list of 5 spellings each week.
- Each child is expected to practice these at home every day, copying them to build their confidence before moving on to spelling them without looking.
- Please support your child by helping them say the words in context in a sentence
- If your child does not regularly practise their spellings, they will not make the expected progress they need to make their Literacy Early Learning Goals

The Early Learning Goal for Number

- Children count reliably with numbers from 1-20, place them in order and say which number is 1 more or 1 less than a given number. Using quantities and objects they add and subtract 2 single digit numbers and count on or back to find the answer. They solve problems including doubling, halving and sharing.

Maths at Barncroft:

Maths Achievement Certificates (MACs)

Expectation

- Practise ONE section every night. This is done to embed understanding and promote fluency within number.

There are enough practises within the booklet to last approximately one half term. Once the booklet has been completed, the children achieve their certificate. They then proceed onto the same letter's *Mastery* booklet. Again, after a half term, once the *Mastery* booklet is complete, they receive a badge award for demonstrating fluency within different variations, before moving onto the next letter in the Barncroft MACs book.

Wider Curriculum

Our proposed topics are:

- Scarecrows
- Heroes
- Pond/sea & Town/Village
- Baby animals
- Out of this world
- Creepy Crawlies

Volunteers

- At Barncroft we are always welcome for any adult help. Please let us know if you can help out in class with different activities. For example:
 - Reading (Weekly)
 - Small Group (Weekly)
 - Cooking, Crafts and Woodland Schools.
 - Please bring any recycling materials.