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Foundation Stage Autumn Curriculum Newsletter 2025

Dear Parents/ Carers

Welcome to Foundation Stage at Meltham CE Primary School.

The children have settled into their new classes exceptionally well and we are really looking forward to our autumn-inspired learning. We hope you have been enjoying seeing the photos we have posted on Instagram!

The topics that we will be looking at this half term are 'All about me', 'Owl babies' by Martin Waddell. In Literacy, we are learning to recognise and write our full names, mark make with meaning and purpose and to confidently communicate with adults and peers about our own experiences. In maths, we are looking at recognising numbers, ordering numbers and amounts of objects and touch counting correctly. We will be sharing books with the children and discussing the features of them e.g. title, blurb, author, illustrations. The children have lots of opportunities to explore and play in a variety of different areas in both classrooms and outdoors. Through play, the children will learn how to share, take turns and play cooperatively with others.

Curriculum meeting

You are invited to our Foundation Stage curriculum meeting on **Tuesday 23rd September**. This will take place at school in our main hall at 6pm. This is chance for us to let you know what your child will be learning, what Foundation Stage looks like throughout the year and how you can support your child in Foundation Stage.

Reading books

Exciting news! We aim to begin sending reading books home before October half term.

To start your child may receive a 'talk about' book. This is a book without words. They are designed to allow your child to tell a story through their own words. Lots of conversation is encouraged between the adult and child in order for your child to demonstrate a good understanding of the story through pictures. Read with your child daily, Write the date and a comment in the yellow reading diary and keep their book in their book bag each day. We will give more information on reading books in the coming weeks.

PE

PE sessions will be starting on a Friday from Friday 19th September until Friday 24th October. Please bring your child to school wearing their PE kit every Friday for this half term.

Our PE kit consist of: a dark blue or black plain zip up hoodie, a plain white t-shirt, plain dark blue or black jogging bottoms and black running trainers.

PE is a great opportunity for the children to take part in games, learn to use sports equipment and improve their gross motor skills. Please note that after the ½ term break PE will change to a **Monday**.

All About Me topic – Me Box project

For our topic 'All About Me', we have a series of 'Show and Tell' sessions, where the children have the chance to share with the class a little bit about themselves. The children can decorate a shoe box (or similar) at home, and fill it with 5 or 6 special items which they can confidently talk about to the class. These could include items related to;

- My family
- My pets
- My favourite foods / place
- My favourite hobbies / music
- My special things (e.g. special clothes, baby items, cuddly toy etc)

Please bring the completed 'Me Box' into school on Monday 29th September.

We will Show and Tell the boxes over the week and send them home when complete. We are looking forward to seeing them!

Welly Day

Each year group will participate in a Welly Day once a term. Our Welly Day will be on **Wednesday 22nd October**. Our whole year group will spend the day together exploring our grounds, making autumn crafts and learning lots about the change in the season. On this day, your child will need to come dressed **comfortable, old clothes** (no uniform needed) as we plan to get a little muddy. Please also bring waterproof trousers/puddlesuit, a warm, waterproof coat and of course, wellies. We will plan to be outside all day, so please ensure your child will be warm.

Stay and Play

Each term we enjoy inviting our grown-ups into our classrooms to see the exciting things we get up to! There will be lots of activities for you to have a go at and anything you make, you can take home! We ask that a maximum of two adults per child attend as we have a limited amount of space. Class 1's Stay and Play will be on **Tuesday 25th November** at 2.15pm and Class 2's Stay and Play will be on **Wednesday 26th November** at 2.15pm. Please arrive at the main entrance slightly before 2.15pm to sign in.

Water bottles

It's thirsty work in Foundation Stage so please ensure your child has a **NAMED** water bottle containing only **WATER** each day.

Naming belongings

Please ensure **all** items of clothing and footwear are clearly named and recognisable to your child.

Communications

'Headlines' is the whole school newsletter which is emailed out to parents every other Friday. Please take the time to read it as it contains information about whole school events and important dates. Please make sure you have the Spider app and check frequently to be aware of reminders and also our Curriculum newsletters each term.

Dates for your diary:

Date:	Event:
Tuesday 23rd September	Introductory meeting 6pm
Monday 29 th September	Me Boxes into school
Thursday 2 nd October	Individual and family Tempest school photographs
Wednesday 22nd October	Foundation Stage Welly Day
HALF TERM 27th-31st Oct	Return to school Monday 3rd November
Monday 3rd November	PE continues every Monday
Monday 17 th & Wednesday 19 th November	Parents evening
Tuesday 26 th November	Class 1 Stay and Play 2.15pm - parents invited
Wednesday 27 th November	Class 2 Stay and Play 2.15pm - parents invited
Thursday 20 th November	Sing Up assembly – parents invited
Friday 28th November	INSET DAY – School closed
Monday 1st December	INSET DAY - School closed
Monday 15 th December	EYFS Nativity to parents 2.15pm
Tuesday 16 th December	EYFS Nativity to parents 9.30am
Thursday 18 th December	Singing round the tree – parents invited

Please feel free to ask if you have any queries or problems.

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Thank you for your continued support
The Foundation Stage team.

Class Teachers and Educational Teaching Assistants

Class 1 – Mrs Wimpenny & Mrs. Spittlehouse (PPA Mrs. Stier)

Class 2 – Ms Mottram, Mrs Osborne & Mrs Charlton (PPA Mrs Widdop)