

Les Landes School

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Reception

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the school year and to the community of Les Landes School. The children have begun to settle into school and are busy getting to know the staff and their peers in Reception. We realise that the transition to school can be daunting for children and parents, so please speak to us about any issues or concerns which you may have. Our aim is to ensure the children are happy and secure in their environment, and to encourage new friendships.

This term, in addition to the children's own interests we are planning to look at the themes of ourselves, our family, Autumn and special celebrations associated with Diwali, Guy Fawkes, Remembrance Day and Christmas.

English

In phonics we will begin phase 2 of 'Letters and Sounds' which introduces the children to sounds and some tricky words. New sounds and words will be sent home for your child to practise. We will teach them specific letter formation which we encourage you to follow at home. They will bring home a library book every Monday. When we feel your child is ready, they will begin guided reading sessions and will bring home books to share with you. In addition, we will explore new vocabulary through 'Drawing club'. Please support us by using the new vocabulary words when speaking to your child at home.

Mathematics

The focus for mathematics this term will be developing a secure knowledge of the numbers up to 5. Although many children will already be able to recognise numbers higher than this, our aim is to develop subitising skills so that children can instantly recognise and recall patterns of numbers without always having to count. Concentrating on smaller numbers during our focussed maths sessions will enable the children to develop a secure number sense. This will give them confidence to carry out the different operations such as addition, subtraction and comparing numbers. We will look at numbers higher than this during everyday activities, such as the date or when noticing how many children are at school.

PSHE

This term, we will explore our brains through the *My Happy Mind* programme, learning about the three parts of the brain known as Team H-A-P, how our brains grow with learning, and practising Happy Breathing to help us feel calm. We will also begin the *Places* unit, where we will recognise and understand different emotions, learn about the Happy, Busy, and Middle Places, and start using simple strategies to manage our feelings. In the *Celebrate* module, we will discover important character strengths like Love and Kindness, Teamwork and Friendship, Bravery and Honesty, and Exploring and Learning, using fun activities to help us understand and celebrate these qualities. Throughout, we will use creative resources to support our learning and self-awareness.

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Other Subjects

P.E.

In P.E. sessions children will experiment with different ways of moving around a given area, learn how to negotiate space and to be safe when moving. They will be introduced to basic co-ordination skills with a balloon and ball and begin balancing objects on their body. In dance sessions they will learn how to move in time to the music. In gymnastics sessions they will demonstrate strength, balance and co-ordination and move in a variety of different ways.

Understanding the World – We will be exploring the natural world and looking at changes associated with Autumn. We will discuss the past through our work on celebrations. We will be looking at similarities and differences between our families and different communities – with a focus on Christianity and Hinduism.

Expressive art and design – Learning how to colour mix and join materials together will be the focus for this term. In addition the children will explore the woodwork area. Every child must always wear safety glasses and sawing will only be done with 1:1 adult supervision. It is not possible to eliminate all risk so there may be the occasional bruised thumb, however the children will learn to manage risk and make judgements to protect themselves. I am anticipating the children using a lot of resources therefore you can help us by bringing in any offcuts of soft wood such as pine and other resources such as bottle tops, corks and lids. If you have any family members or friends who work in the building trade, we would really appreciate any donations of soft wood offcuts.

Homework

Your child will need to practise recognition of the sounds and tricky words which will be sent home in their plastic word wallet. Repetition is key to them retaining these and being able to identify them quickly. Once your child starts guided reading, they will bring home at least two books a week. To make good progress with their reading they should read at home every night. Please ensure you sign their reading record book so that staff can monitor your child's reading. On occasion additional activities may be added to the activity section of your child's Seesaw account.

Additional Information

- **Name all items** – Please check that all belongings brought into school are clearly named. Belongings will get mixed up and so we rely on everything being named so that we can help your child to locate their items. This includes coats, jumpers, shoes, hats, lunch boxes, snack pots and water bottles.
- **Snack time**
The snack table is open all morning and the children can access it independently. A suitable snack might include a piece of fruit, selection of vegetables, cereal bar, or a couple of biscuits or crackers.
- **Lunch time**
Children need to have one clearly named lunchbox or lunch bag which is kept on the lunchbox trolley. Please provide your child with any cutlery which they may need. We are unable to provide spoons, forks etc...
- **Nuts** - Due to some children in school having severe allergies from ingesting or encountering certain foods we ask you to be understanding and make sure that no nuts of any description to be brought into school. This includes peanut butter and cereal or snack bars containing nuts.
- **Water** – Please ensure that your child has a clearly named bottle of water with them every day.
- **Wet weather clothing** –We do work outside whatever the weather, therefore bringing a waterproof coat to school every day is advisable. Please leave a pair of

named wellington boots in school for your child to wear when playing outside in wet weather and for water play.

- **Family photo**

Please can you send in a family photo which will be put onto our family display board and kept up all year.

- **Toys** – Please do not send your child into school with any toys from home.

- **Birthdays** – To celebrate their birthday your child may wear their own clothes rather than their uniform if they wish.

- **End of day collection** –For last minute changes about end of day collections, you will need to ring the school office.

- **Seesaw** – I will use Seesaw to keep you updated about the learning we are doing in school. This may include occasional photos of your child. Please ensure that you can access it and let me know if you are unable to.

Monday – library book changeover day.

Your child will only be allowed to choose a new book to take home if they return the book which they have already got signed out.

Wednesday – P.E. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing their P.E. kit.

Friday – Forest School

Please send your child into school wearing suitable clothing for Forest School (clothes which can get muddy). This must include a long-sleeved top and long trousers (their arms and legs should be covered to protect them when exploring the Forest School area) As the weather becomes colder, it is advisable to send in extra layers for them to put on. We will provide your child with a puddle suit to wear if the weather is wet. If you wish to send in extra clothes for them to change into if needed, please put them into a drawstring or carrier bag which can be hung on your child's peg.

Important Dates

Friday 11th December 2pm Nativity

Thank you for a great start to the school year. If you wish to discuss anything, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

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