

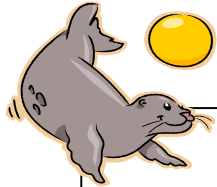
Foundation Stage Curriculum News

September 2011

Welcome to the Early Years Foundation Stage at Hunter's Bar Infant School!

Here is the first of our regular newsletters to provide you with information about the focus for this half term. On **Wednesday 5th October, we will be holding a meeting in the school hall from 7-8pm** for you to find out about how your child learns at school and what you can do to continue to help them on their learning journey. We will talk about *Home Tasks* at this meeting, and the notes from this evening explain how best to develop your child's learning at home.

Please ensure your child has a waterproof coat with a hood or a hat and shoes they can run about in, because we go outside everyday to have fun and to use the outdoor environment to learn even more!



Our **SEAL** work is called **New Beginnings** and we are concentrating on settling into school and learning new routines. The children will learn to be independent in choosing where and what to play with and when to have their drink and snack. They will also take responsibility as 'special helpers'. We will play 'getting to know each other' games at Circle Time. We find out about the celebrations of Eid and Harvest Festival,

Our topic is "Getting to know you" ~

What makes you happy?

What are your favourite things? We are looking forward to sharing special boxes and special bags to get to know you better!



Communication Language & Literacy... We will be reading a wide variety of stories and sharing 'big books' together at whole class times. The children will be invited to share a favourite book from home. We will be learning about the letter sounds.

Knowledge & Understanding of the World.

The children will learn the different places in school, get to know the staff who will be helping them, use the computers and observe changes in the world around them.

Creative development... We will be listening to and creating music based on stories, and learning how to play percussion instruments. The children will draw a self-portrait and start to mix powder paint carefully. We will be doing lots of imaginative play in our role play areas and with the small world such as dinosaurs and minibests.



Physical Development includes lots of indoor and outdoor fun, with bike yard, climbing equipment, soft play, balls etc. We will play a game called 'Traffic Lights' and dance to "Sticky Kids"! There will be plenty of chances to cut, stick and make models. **WE ALWAYS NEED LOTS OF JUNK MODELLING MATERIALS PLEASE**, especially boxes and fabric!

Mathematical Development... We will be counting carefully to 10 (and more if we can), recognising numbers and finding out about different patterns and shapes.