



# Broomhill First School



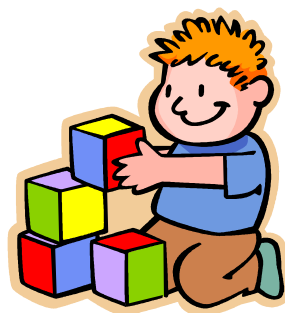
## Welcome to the Big Owls!

Well done to all of the children for settling into our new class so well.

They have been getting used to lots of new routines and the Big Owls have all been superstars!

Our topic for this half term is

## All Grown Up!



Children will learn about how they, and others, change as they get older. They will learn about their bodies and how to keep them healthy as they grow. Children will learn about jobs of people they know and think about what they would like to do when they grow up.

# All Grown Up

## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Children will talk positively about themselves and their abilities. They will be encouraged to share experiences from their home life. They will talk about their feelings to recognise different emotions in themselves and others.

The Big Owls will also help the younger Little Owls at shared learning times.



## Mathematics



Children will secure their knowledge of numbers to 10 by counting, ordering and matching numerals. When counting out a specific number of objects from a larger group, we will help children to recognise when to stop and we will also practise counting on from any number up to 10. Children will also compare height and size as they look for items that are taller or shorter than them.

## Communication, Language and Literacy

Children will take part in lots of speaking and listening activities as they talk in groups about themselves and their experiences. They will be encouraged to speak clearly in sentences and to listen carefully to others. Children will learn about babies, children and families through a variety of stories. They will think about their own abilities and illustrate their own "I can..." books. They will also participate in daily phonics activities.

## Physical Development

Children will have daily access to the outdoor environment to enhance their physical development. They will develop their gross motor skills through multiskills activities and they will take part in parachute games to promote team work. Children will develop fine motor skills with activities across the unit in the finger gym, in the playdough areas and through mark making.

### PE Uniform

**Please send children to school in PE uniform every Friday. This includes a white t-shirt, dark coloured shorts or joggers and trainers. Wear usual school jumpers or cardigans.**

## Understanding the World

Children will be encouraged to talk about their friends and family and use their own experiences in their play. They will learn about their bodies and the names of different body parts. We will look at teeth and skeletons to learn about ways to keep them healthy and strong as they grow. Children will think about the type of jobs they would like to do when they are older.

## Expressive Arts and Design

Children will engage in lots of role play throughout the topic including playing in the home corner with familiar things and visiting the doctors surgery to look after patients and help everyone stay healthy. They will also enjoy working in the baby clinic to look after new babies by weighing them, feeding them, bathing them and changing nappies. Children will have opportunities to be creative as they paint self portraits and mark out life-size body shapes.

## Helping at Home

**Getting dressed** – Encourage your child to become 'all grown up' by dressing themselves, putting on their own shoes and also zipping up their own coats.

**Reading** – Encourage a love of reading by sharing lots of story books together. Talk about the pictures and the characters. Try to guess what will happen next.

**Maths** – Practise counting out different numbers of objects from a larger group. E.g. get 4 spoons out of the drawer.

## Important Info

Until further notice, we are continuing to operate our staggered drop off and pick up times.  
Drop off: Between 8:55am and 9am at the Reception door.  
Collection: 3:05pm at the Early Years Yard.

We give a very warm welcome to our new Headteacher Mr Smith. I'm sure you will all get a chance to meet him over the coming weeks. We are very excited to see what the future brings at Broomhill.

### Baby Photos

Send in a photograph of your child when they were a baby so we can look at them and use them for a display in class.

### Water Bottles

Please check your Class Dojo account regularly for important updates. Feel free to upload pictures and notes from home to show us what your child is doing at home. I love to see them and it helps with my assessments too.

### Junk Boxes

The children are enjoying making junk models. If you have any items for our junk model bin, please send them into school. Small boxes, tubes or scraps of fabric are really useful.

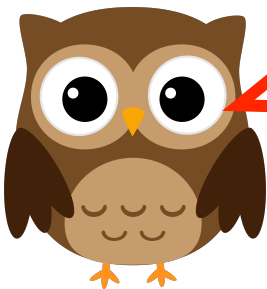
### Wellies

As we encourage activities outside in all weathers, it would be great if your child had a pair of wellies in school. Please let us know if you would like them returned at the end of the day or for the weekend. Alternatively, you can leave a pair in school all of the time at your child's peg.

### Water Bottles

Send your child's water bottle into school with fresh water each day.

Enjoy sharing a library book together at home. Please keep in book bags until the next week.



Please label all school clothing especially jumpers, cardigans and coats.

### Lunch

Children in Reception are entitled to receive Universal Free School Meals regardless of individual financial circumstances. However, if you are entitled to **income related free school meals**, please apply for this as greater benefits will be received for your child, yourself and our school. Please contact the school office or the Free School Meals Team at Northumberland County Council on 01670 623592 or email [childrensservices@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:childrensservices@northumberland.gov.uk)

Having a school lunch provides excellent learning opportunities for trying new foods, using cutlery and developing table manners. However, should you prefer to provide a healthy packed lunch instead, then please let us know.

Thank you very much for reading this information letter.

If you have any questions or concerns, please get in touch.

Mrs Haves

