# Welcome to F1



### Meet the F1 Team



Mrs Atkinson Class teacher



Mrs Cooper Bumblebees



Mrs Vanka
Dragonflies



Mrs Bailey
Butterflies



Miss Mair Ladybirds



Mrs Hargreaves Spiders



Miss Wilkins



Miss Kraker Volunteer

### Learning Behaviours (Star of the Week)



Teamwork



Perseverance







Curiosity



Reflection

Ethos

## Values (Best Seat in the House – chosen by children)

(The things we truly believe in for everyone involved with Highwood)

- Celebrating Diversity
- Continual Improvement
- Pride
- Happiness
- Trust
- Respect



### Year F1:

- We open the doors at 8.35am.
- During their time here the children will take part in a mixture of independent learning through play (Learning Zone) and teacher-led activities.
- During teacher-led activities children will learn literacy, phonics, maths and topic.
- Lunch time starts at 11.30am and finishes at 12.15pm.
- Breakfast club and after school club are available.

Morning Session	8:45am- 11:45am
Full Day	8:45am- 3:15pm
Afternoon Session	12:15pm- 3:15pm

### Curriculum

### Topics for the Year



**Autumn** 

What makes us special

Trip: Autumn Sensory Walk

Special experience: Nativity play









Spring

Why do things change?

Trip: Woodley Library

Special experience: Living eggs



Summer

How are all animals different?

Special experience:
Grow your own
butterflies

Sports Day

## Autumn Term Mind Map

#### Expressive Arts and Design

Play instruments with increasing control and experiment with sounds

Listen with increased attention to sounds

Explore different materials freely

Remember and sing entire songs

#### **Mathematics**

Show 'finger numbers' up to 5
Recite numbers past 5
Learn and recognise 2D shapes
Select shapes appropriately and

combine shapes to make new ones

#### **Physical Development**

Use large-muscle movements to make marks and paint

To start to eat independently during snack times and lunch times

To begin experimenting with different ways of moving

#### F1: Autumn Term

What makes us about special?

Hook: 'All About Me' Boxes

**Enrichment:** Nativity

School Trip: Autumn Sensory
Walk

#### Literacy

To enjoy an increasing range of books and begin to talk about stories

To learn the names of different parts of a book

#### The World

Use all their senses in hands-on exploration of natural materials

Talk about what they see, using a wide vocabulary

Begin to make sense of their own life-story and family's history

Continue to develop positive attitudes about the differences between people

#### Communication and Language

Begin to develop attention skills through carpet times and story times

To learn new words and use them to communicate

To use language to talk about themselves and their abilities

#### Personal, Social and Emotional

To begin to make friends

To become more outgoing with unfamiliar people and feel safe in their new nursery setting

To learn the nursery rules and show understanding of following them

At the end of every term a new curriculum mind map will be given out.

## Writing

- In F1 we teach children to hold a pen properly and begin to write their name using lower case letters.
- We use Read Write inc rhymes for the letter formation in the summer term.
- Fine and gross motor skill practice is really important and we practice every day.





## Reading books



- Only changed on Tuesdays, taken in, changed and returned the same day
- Read each book two or three times with your child at home
- One book with no words and one library book
- Complete reading record so books can be changed weekly

### How can you help at home?

### Reading

 Read lots of books to your child – fiction and nonfiction

### Maths

- Spot numbers and shapes when you are out and about and talk about them
- Count anything and everything cars, flowers, steps, claps, bugs, jumps...

### Writing

 Build fine and gross motor skills - playdough, beads, building with lego, painting big shapes and letters with water on the floor, arm exercises like monkey bars.

### Lunch time

- Charge of £3 per day for lunch club.
- Children can bring a healthy packed lunch no nuts including Nutella.
- Additional £2.30 for hot dinner. Three choices everyday – meat, vegetarian or jacket potato. Includes a drink and dessert.
- All payments are made online via the Scopay app.
- Nursery staff support children at lunchtime.
- Children being collected after lunch club are collected at 12.15pm.
- Children joining for the afternoon need to arrive for the afternoon session at 12.15pm.



### Uniform

- Black or grey trousers/skirt
- White polo shirt
- School jumper or cardigan preferably with school logo
- Black school shoes
- School PE kit (with logo) black shorts/trousers, green t-shirt, plimsolls or trainers
- Long hair tied up
- Book bag

There are to be NO earrings on PE days.

### Communication

- Every day on the door for quick updates
- Arrange a meeting
- Share anything with me or other adults you feel is important
- Twitter @HighWoodPrimF1
- School Website
- Arbor App
- Email F1@highwood.wokingham.sch.uk
- It is important we always have your update to contact information.