



BROADACRE PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

AT BROADACRE, WE DARE



## EYFS-Spring-I-2025

**“Play is the highest form of research.” Albert Einstein.**

### Welcome back

We would like to welcome both our new families and returning children back to the EYFS setting after the Christmas holiday. There are lots of exciting activities planned for this half term.

### Outside learning

Children in the EYFS play and learn outside in all weathers and therefore need to have warm clothing such as a hat, scarf and gloves, as well as a waterproof coat and wellies in school.

Children also need a change of clothes at school in case they get wet (including pants and socks).

### Start times

A polite reminder that the FS2 start time is 8.45am. We will close the doors promptly at 9.00am and late comers will need to go via the office.



### Nappies

If your child is in nappies, please ensure that nappies, wipes and bags are provided.

### Tapestry

Please check your Tapestry App regularly for wow moments and updates on your child's learning, important upcoming events and class notices. We would love you to share any special moments from home with us on this platform.



## FS1 - Our Learning

This half term we will be focusing on bears. Our two main texts will be 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt', by Michael Rosen and 'Bears Don't Eat Egg Sandwiches', by Julie Fulton. We will use story maps to help us to retell the story and we will have a teddy bear's picnic, eating sandwiches that we created ourselves.

In Phonics we will be looking at syllables in words, as well as syllable deletion. We will be focusing on rhyming activities – using stories and songs to help us.

During our Maths sessions, we will be counting our group daily, ensuring that children are helping – as well as adding actions to help us to remember our day's number. We will also begin to look at simple repeated patterns and recognising numbers.

## FS2 - Our Learning

A few days into the new year and our environment is already covered in 'wanted' posters of the 'Gruffalo'. He has been caught on CCTV in and around school and it is all the children can talk about! As well as 'The Gruffalo', by Julia Donaldson, this half term, learning will also be based around the traditional tale, 'The Three Little Pigs' and a selection of other language-rich texts, with a focus on vocabulary related to the season of winter. Phonics will continue to be taught daily in small groups using the Read, Write Inc scheme.

To accompany our texts and topic, we will learn some wintery songs and short poems. The children will create their own version of the Gruffalo, experiment with tempera and powder paint and make some observational drawings of evergreen plants. As well as observing and exploring the season of winter, we will learn about how and why Chinese New Year is celebrated. Excitingly, we will take part in a session delivered by Flex Dance and taste some Chinese-inspired food. We will also participate in the RSPB's 'Big Garden Bird Watch'.

Maths will focus on deepening our understanding of recognising, representing and subitising numbers 0-5, before moving on to the numbers 6, 7 and 8. We will think about which numbers are 1 more and 1 less and explore and compare mass, capacity and length.