

Reception 2020
at
Howley Grange Primary School



Welcome...

Mrs Trimmer, Mrs Gill and I have really enjoyed getting to know you all a little more through our phone calls as well as from talking to your Nurseries, where possible. These have made us even more excited to meet you properly in September!

As you will already be aware, the induction to Howley has had to look completely different this year and come September some things at Howley will continue to be a little different to usual however some things will still be the same and we want to give you as much information as possible, as we understand that starting 'big school' can be a time of mixed emotions and some of you may feel unsure of what lies ahead. We hope this helps both you and your families.

What happens in Reception?

In Reception, one day to the next is never quite the same however there are some things that will happen every day, these include...

Kinetic Letters

Phonics

Jolly Jobs

and Learning Lots



Brave

What is Kinetic Letters?

Kinetic Letters is our approach to teaching Handwriting. Letters are learnt using movements of the whole body, arm or hand, before gradually decreasing the size until you are ready to write using lines and correct sizing. Letters are taught within letter families and with the help of Brave and Scared Monkey...who you will get to meet when you start school.



Scared



What are Jolly Jobs?

“Adult-led play means play opportunities and activities which are organised and led by an adult. Adult-initiated play involves play opportunities set up by adults for children to discover”.

Here at Howley Grange, we call our adult led activities 'Jolly Jobs'. Jolly Jobs last for approximately 20 minutes. You will be expected to complete a number of Jolly Jobs throughout the week. Jolly Jobs are taught through fun play based activities which are organised and led by us so they are nothing to worry about. Jolly Jobs will include the teaching of Reading, Writing, Maths, as well as all other areas of the EYFS.

What is Learning lots?

“Child-initiated play means play in which children choose what and how to play and who to play with”.

Here at Howley Grange we call our child initiated time 'Learning Lots'. During Learning Lots, children will have access to a range of toys and equipment as well as further enhancements to support their learning. What they play with/ do, who they play with and how they learn will be entirely up to them. During this time teaching staff will be facilitating, observing and recording evidence of children's achievements.

“Play is essential for children's development, building their confidence as they learn to explore, to think about problems, and relate to others”.

What is Phonics?

Phonics teaches children to be able to listen carefully and identify the phonemes (sounds) that make up each word. This helps children to learn to read words as well as to spell words within writing. In Phonic sessions here at Howley Grange, children are taught by teaching the phonemes (letter sounds) and ways of writing them down. The sounds are taught in a particular order. Once children know some sounds they can begin blending which is when children say sounds that make up a word and are able to merge the sounds together until they hear what the word is. This is a vital skill when learning to read. They can also start segmenting which is the opposite of blending. Children are able to say a word and then break it up into the sounds that make it. This skill is vital in being able to spell words.

To start practising your phase 2 sounds, see the link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=euxN7LGOoLc>

What are tricky words?

As part of our daily phonic sessions you will also learn how to read and write tricky words.

Tricky words are words which cannot be sounded out correctly using the sounds. The only way these words can be read and spelt correctly is by learning them and having plenty of practise. These words include... I, the, to, plus many more. To begin to learn tricky words, see the links below...

Phase 2 tricky words:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TvMyssfAUx0>

Phase 3 tricky words:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R087lYrRpgY>

See you soon...

We know that you may all be feeling differently about starting here at Howley Grange, some of you may be excited and happy, some of you may be apprehensive and worried.

Our initial focus will be to support each and every one of you to settle into life here at Howley. We will be with you every day, supporting you with your transition to 'big school'.

As we said, we cannot wait to meet you in September. We know this year is going to be great, we are fully committed to ensuring each and every one of you receives an exciting, fun filled education in a safe and happy environment.

See you all very soon, in September,
Miss Holden, Mrs Trimmer and Mrs Gill!