

How you can help at home



Welcome to Northgate Primary School!

This term we will be encouraging your child to become more independent and helping them to settle into school routines.

Please help at home by supporting them to do more by themselves. Encourage them to dress and feed themselves, brush their own teeth and tidy up their toys. Buttons, zips and fasteners can be fiddly things to master but they will need these skills to get themselves dressed for PE.

If your child is not already using the toilet independently, please support them to do so at home and we will help them with the process at school.

Encourage your child to talk about their day and who they shared it with. School can be tiring and many children will need to do this when they are ready.

Enjoy sharing books with your child, read to them and let them tell you stories using their own ideas and imagination.

We will use Tapestry online journal to keep a record of your child's 'Wow' moments and to blog any whole class events during their reception year. You are able to access this from home and add your own 'Wow' moments for us to share.

Any questions or concerns please speak to your child's class teacher.

The first year at school should always be a special chance to see your child flourish and grow! We are looking forward to this year and getting to know your family.

Communication & Language

Through stories, we will be learning new language, using questions, developing conversation skills.

We will be enjoying making new friends and extending our ideas and actions through play.

We will develop active listening skills.

Reception Autumn Term

This term, we will be working on these skills taken from the Development Matters document.



Personal, Social & Emotional Development

We will be encouraging the children to become independent, to co-regulate their emotions and build relationships with their peers and adults in school.

We will use emotional literacy to help children develop a sense of self, to build their resilience, confidence and self-esteem.

Literacy

We will be learning songs, rhymes, reading stories and exploring mark making (early writing).

We will begin to learn phonics to prepare and support us in early reading and writing.

Understanding the World

We will be talking about our families and making connections to other families, beginning to make sense of our world.

We will be exploring natural materials, indoors and outside, asking questions and using our senses.

Physical Development

We will be helping the children to develop their large and small motor skills (fundamental movement skills) – e.g. running, jumping, climbing, craft and mark making.

Expressive Art & Design

We will be using various craft materials to develop our creativity and express our ideas and feelings.

We will encourage the children to use their imagination through role-play, singing, dancing, design and mark making.

Maths

We will be developing our skills in number recognition, number patterns, shape, subitising and comparing. Looking at maths in real world contexts through play, discovery and conversation.