



Maple Class Curriculum Provision

Teacher: Mrs A Scarbro **Terms:** 3 & 4 **Date:** January 2017



Dear Parents and Carers,

This newsletter is designed to inform you of some of the activities and experiences your child will be having during the next two terms.

The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) curriculum is as follows:-

The Prime Areas

Personal Social and Emotional Development

Physical Development

Communication and Language

The Specific Areas

Literacy

Mathematics

Understanding the World

Expressive Arts and Design.

Each area will be taught through a wide range of play activities, some adult led, some adult directed and many child initiated.

Some of the topics around which we **may** base our learning are:

- Weather and climate
- Traditional Stories
- Prehistoric Animals
- Light and Dark

Each week the children will be encouraged to talk about their interests and then we will develop their learning around these ideas. We will be developing indoor and outdoor role play areas to reflect the ideas and interests of your children. They have already decided they will have a space rocket and space station inside and a police station outside. We will get so much learning from these!

The children will be having daily phonics input alongside sharing their books and reading in a group. We would remind you that it takes a considerable amount of time to hear children read individually; therefore reading books will be changed once a week. There are many activities which can be done at home to support your child's reading and the time you spend on learning to read and write the sounds and high frequency words is very valuable indeed. We particularly need to increase the bank of sight words the children 'just know' (these are the words the children have in their envelope), so daily fun practise with these at home is very beneficial. If you need ideas, please come and talk to us!

The children will continue to have counting targets and daily maths activities will take place. We will be using the skills we learn in our child initiated play, which will consolidate our knowledge.

We will continue to send home the weekly observation request sheets. This will give you an indication of the focus of learning for the week. We really appreciate your input in this way and learn a lot from you about your child!

Ann Scarbro