



**Ashbrook School**

Everyone matters, everyone is important



Inspiring Futures  
through Learning

# Curriculum Parent Presentation

Year: Foundation

# Typical Day

- ▶ 8.50 am Register
- ▶ 9.00 am Phonics
- ▶ 9.30 am Wellbeing Check In (Colour Monsters)
- ▶ 9.45 am Literacy (Drawing Club)
- ▶ 10.00 am Continuous Provision
- ▶ 11.00 am Yoga/Jigsaw/Music
- ▶ 12.00 pm Lunch
- ▶ 1.00pm Register
- ▶ 1.10pm Maths (White rose)
- ▶ 1.20 pm Continuous Provision
- ▶ 2.00 pm PE/Forest Fun/Singing/Story time
- ▶ 3.00 pm Home time

# 7 Areas - 17 Early Learning Goals

## Communication and Language

### Listening, Attention and Understanding

- Listen attentively and respond to what they hear with relevant questions, comments and actions when being read to and during whole class discussions and small group interactions.
- Make comments about what they have heard and ask questions to clarify their understanding.
- Hold conversation when engaged in back-and-forth exchanges with their teacher and peers.

### Speaking

- Participate in small group, class and one-to-one discussions, offering their own ideas, using recently introduced vocabulary.
- Offer explanations for why things might happen, making use of recently introduced vocabulary from stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems when appropriate.
- Express their ideas and feelings about their experiences using full sentences, including use of past, present and future tenses and making use of conjunctions, with modelling and support from their teacher.

## Understanding the World

### Past and Present

- Talk about the lives of the people around them and their roles in society.
- Know some similarities and differences between things in the past and now, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class.
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### People, Culture and Communities

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### The Natural World

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- Know some similarities and differences between the natural world around them and contrasting environments, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class.
- Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world around them, including the seasons and changing states of matter.

## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

### Self-Regulation

- Show an understanding of their own feelings and those of others, and begin to regulate their behaviour accordingly.
- Set and work towards simple goals, being able to wait for what they want and control their immediate impulses when appropriate.
- Give focused attention to what the teacher says, responding appropriately even when engaged in activity, and show an ability to follow instructions involving several ideas or actions.

### Managing Self

- Be confident to try new activities and show independence, resilience and perseverance in the face of challenge.
- Explain the reasons for rules, know right from wrong and try to behave accordingly.
- Manage their own basic hygiene and personal needs, including dressing, going to the toilet and understanding the importance of healthy food choices.

### Building Relationships

- Work and play cooperatively and take turns with others.
- Form positive attachments to adults and friendships with peers.
- Show sensitivity to their own and to others' needs.

## Expressive Arts and Design

### Creating with Materials

- Safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function.
- Share their creations, explaining the process they have used.
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### Being Imaginative and Expressive

- Invent, adapt and recount narratives and stories with peers and their teacher.
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## Mathematics

### Number

- Have a deep understanding of number to 10, including the composition of each number.
- Subitise (recognise quantities without counting) up to 5.
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### Numerical Patterns

- Verbally count beyond 20, recognising the pattern of the counting system.
- Compare quantities up to 10 in different contexts, recognising when one quantity is greater than, less than or the same as the other quantity.
- Explore and represent patterns within numbers up to 10, including evens and odds, double facts and how quantities can be distributed equally.

## Physical Development

### Gross Motor Skills

- Negotiate space and obstacles safely, with consideration for themselves and others.
- Demonstrate strength, balance and coordination when playing.
- Move energetically, such as running, jumping, dancing, hopping, skipping and climbing.

### Fine Motor Skills

- Hold a pencil effectively in preparation for fluent writing – using the tripod grip in almost all cases.
- Use a range of small tools, including scissors, paintbrushes and cutlery.
- Begin to show accuracy and care when drawing.

## Literacy

### Comprehension

- Demonstrate understanding of what has been read to them by retelling stories and narratives using their own words and recently introduced vocabulary.
- Anticipate (where appropriate) key events in stories.
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### Word Reading

- Say a sound for each letter in the alphabet and at least 10 digraphs.
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### Writing

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# Literacy - Drawing Club



Drawing Club opens up the magic world of tales and story to children whilst at the same time enriching their language skills, developing their fine motor and spending time together with them? It is an approach that immerses children into a world full of imagination where anything can happen and often does?

# Maths - White Rose

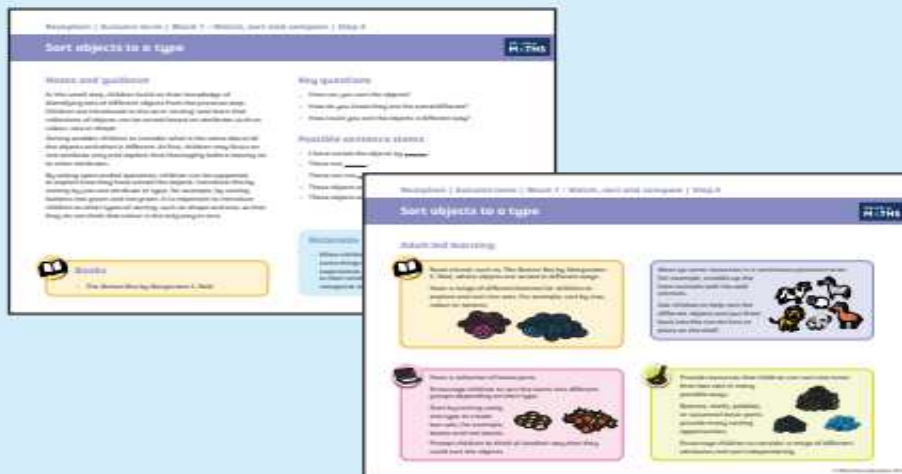
## The **White Rose Maths** schemes of learning

### Reception guidance

The schemes cover the DfE statutory framework for the EYFS and Educational Programme for Mathematics and will support you to deliver a curriculum that embeds mathematical thinking and talk.

Our schemes support the ethos of the EYFS whilst at the same time enabling teachers to create a mathematically rich curriculum. Additionally, they allow for key mathematical concepts to be revisited and developed throughout the year.

The guidance has been divided into 18 blocks and provides a variety of opportunities to develop the understanding of number, shape, measure and spatial thinking.

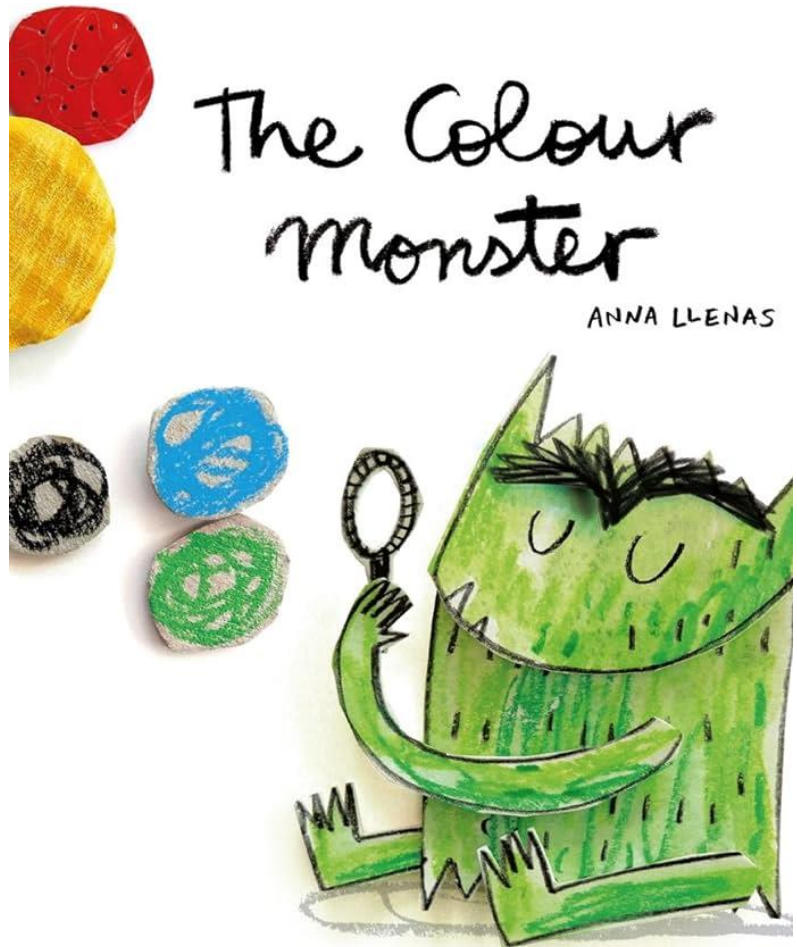


### Teaching and learning

Our reception schemes support you in teaching the key aspects of the EYFS curriculum. The scheme supports specific teaching through small steps with adult-led activities and continuous provision. The focus is on building up the numbers slowly, so children gain a deep understanding of them and how they are composed. However, this does not mean children should not be counting and discussing larger numbers in routines such as lining up. It is also important that teachers are aware of, and children are supported in gaining an understanding of, the counting principles.

1. The one-to-one principle.
2. The stable-order principle.
3. The cardinal principle.
4. The abstraction principle.
5. The order-irrelevance principle.

These principles are covered in more detail on the following pages.



# Colour Monsters

- ▶ At Ashbrook School, our children's wellbeing is our number one priority. To help the children develop an understanding of their emotions we use a key text 'The Colour Monster'.
- ▶ During their time at Ashbrook children become familiar with the language used to describe a range of feelings that we all experience. We support children by validating their feelings.
- ▶ How do we use 'colour monsters' to support children?
- ▶ The children learn about the feelings associated with the different colour monsters and then add their named stick into the corresponding jars in class. Staff will support children if they are feeling sad, worried, angry or upset.
- ▶ Understanding children and their emotions is key to their success in school. Sometimes we support beyond the colour monsters through early help and other nurture arrangements in school.

# Our Values and Aims

## School Values

- ▶ Caring
- ▶ Co-operation
- ▶ Responsibility
- ▶ Respect
- ▶ Patience
- ▶ Perseverance

## Curriculum Aims

- ▶ Successful learners
- ▶ Effective contributors
- ▶ Responsible citizens
- ▶ Confident individuals

# Rewards & Celebrations

- ▶ Assembly time is used to explore our values and learning aims. We celebrate the children's achievements in demonstrating the values on a daily basis with our stars in the jar and class rewards. These are revisited through our 'School Awards' presented every Friday and at the end of each half term.
- ▶ All children are allocated a house when they join the Ashbrook family. The children work towards a collective reward celebrated at the end of each half term. The stars are earned when children display our key values.



# School Council

Play Leaders

Eco  
Warriors

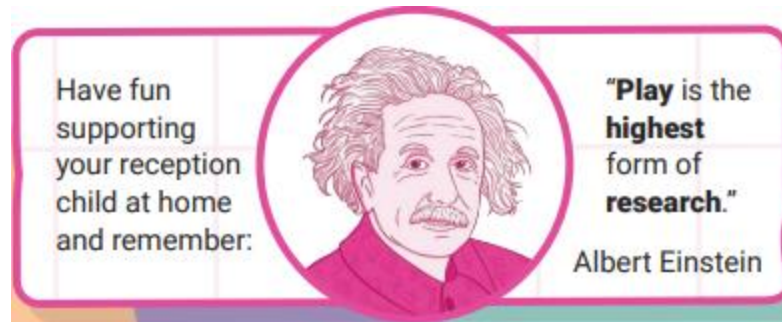
House Captains

Youth  
Parliament

Librarians

# How to support your child at home

- ▶ Attendance
- ▶ Punctuality
- ▶ Daily reading practice (recorded in reading diaries)
- ▶ Support spelling practice
- ▶ Good sleep routine
- ▶ Play!



# Communications

- We have an open-door policy, please approach any member of the staff if you have an urgent query or concern
- Website
- Parent mail is used to inform of special dates, events and reminders
- Curriculum overview of learning at the beginning of each half term (emailed and available to view on the website)
- Sway Newsletter at the end of each half term (emailed and accessible via the website and Facebook page)
- Half termly coffee mornings

# Questions

We welcome any questions you may have?