



# Welcome to Early Years!

Passion  
Opportunity  
Well-being  
Expression  
Reflection

## Welcome

We'd like to welcome all our Reception and Nursery children to Atlas Community Primary School! We are very proud of how well everyone has settled into school life, with lots of beaming smiles spotted in the classroom over the past two weeks.

## The Early Years Team

In our class you will meet Mrs Suddick, Miss Hall, Miss Mitchell and Miss Fayyaz. Your child will be assigned a key worker who is responsible for the care and education of your child. We will plan exciting and purposeful activities which follow children's interest.

Help us to support your child's learning journey by sharing any significant experiences, interests or problems with us. Please speak to your child's keyworker or another member of staff at any time about your child.

## Establishing good routines

This half term we will be focusing on establishing good routines in the classroom such as taking care of your own belongings including coats and jumpers, helping to tidy up and good listening on the carpet. Together these will support your child's development of social skills, independence and understanding in making safe and sensible choices.

You can help at home by encouraging your child to get dressed independently, put on their own shoes on and making sure you have a good bed time routine at home. A good sleeping pattern will ensure your child finds success at school.

## Big Feelings!

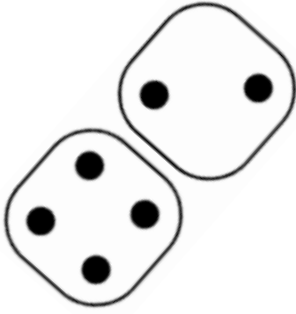


Our focus story this half term is The Colour Monster. We will be using this text to help us label our own feelings and think about the ways that our feelings make us behave.

Help your child at home by commenting on their feelings— "I can see that you are feeling sad. It's okay to be sad. How can I help you?"

Or, "I can see that you are feeling angry. It's okay to be angry but it's not okay to throw things/hurt someone. Let's try taking some deep breaths."

## Maths



This half term, we will be learning how to count accurately. In Nursery we will be focusing on numbers 1—3 and in Reception we will be focusing on numbers 1-5 . We will be providing opportunities to develop an understanding that anything can be counted, including actions and sounds. We will also be exploring how can we represent the same number in different ways and will compare groups of objects.

## To help your child at home you can;

- Read regularly. Our suggestion is a minimum of three times per week. Your child will soon receive a reading record—please use this to record each time that they read at home. Sharing stories is a great part of a bedtime routine and helps your child to learn new vocabulary every day. Re-reading the same book helps too.
- Take advantage of everyday opportunities to practice maths skills. For example, can they lay the table. How many forks would you need? How many knives? Notice shapes, number and patterns in the environment.
- Children should be fully independent in dressing and undressing. Please encourage them with this.
- Talk talk talk! Children are constantly growing their vocabulary and understanding. Please help them by ensuring that they have some quality time each day to talk with an adult. Ask them about their day, talk about their current interests, tell them about your day. It is important for children to work on their listening skills and that we help them to develop the skill of two way communication.

## Events

Yoga is on Fridays

PE is on Wednesdays

Please send your child to school wearing their PE kit on these days.

**Please ensure all items of clothing are labelled.**

## Vocabulary

Cheerful

Excited

Upset

Worried

Calm

Angry

Scared

Love

## Behaviour

For a safe and happy school we are expected to:

Be respectful

Be kind

Be truthful

