

# **Arthur Bugler Primary School** **Parent Information Booklet**



**Early Years**

**Autumn Term**  
**2021**

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Dear Parents/Carers,

A huge welcome to your first term at Arthur Bugler Primary School, we are so excited to be sharing your children's first experiences at school with you and we can't wait to work with them on the many exciting activities we have planned. This information booklet has been put together to keep all parents and carers fully informed of what their children will experience each term.

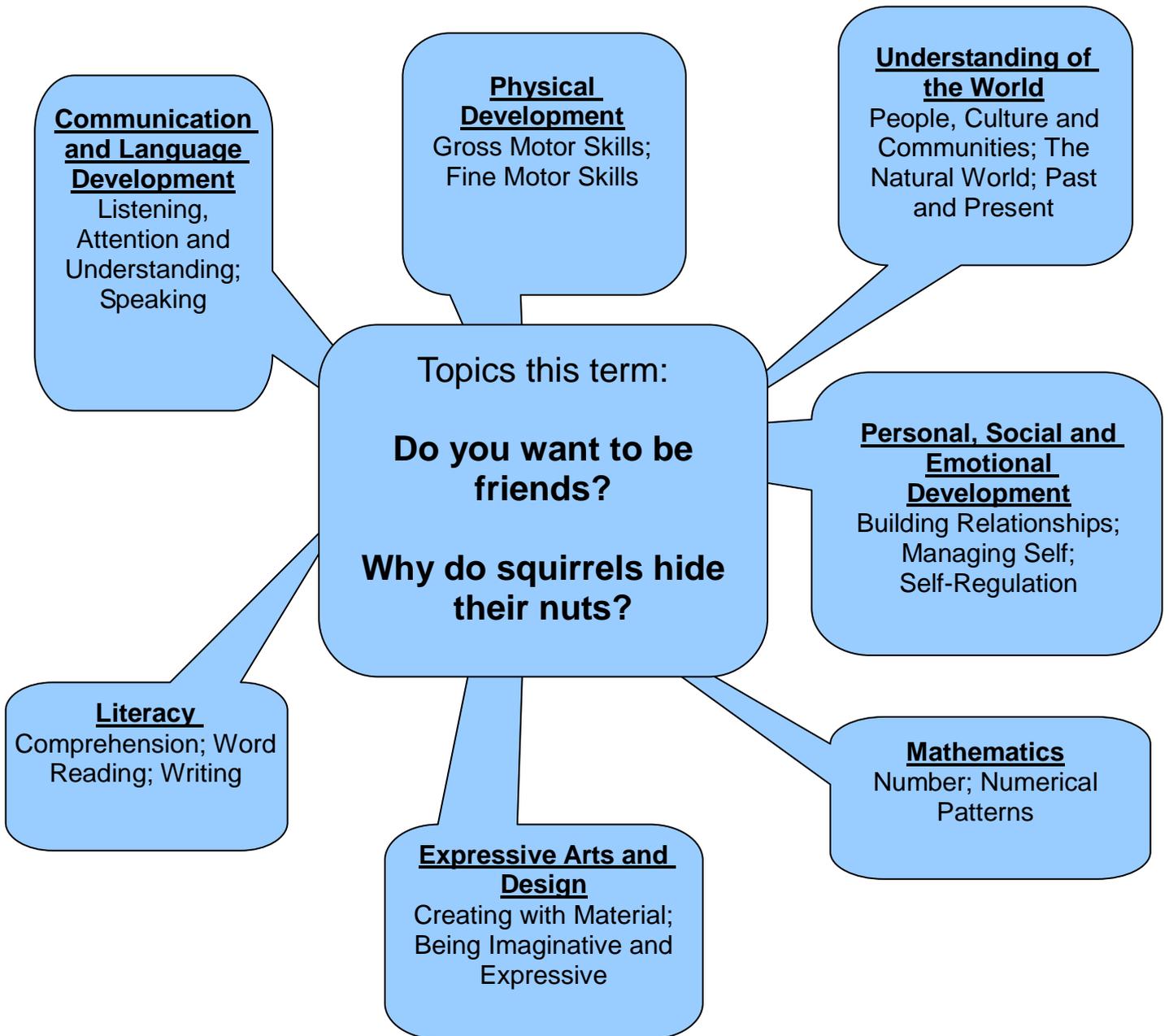
Our first topic focuses on making friends and is called 'Will you be my friend?' The children will be encouraged to play and communicate with different peers in order to build new relationships, as well as exploring the school premises and meeting different people who work within the setting. We will be sharing many stories which focus on friendship and taking time to think about our feelings.

After half term we will be moving onto our next topic, 'Why do squirrels hide their nuts?' which will be giving the children opportunities to investigate their natural surroundings, learn about animals and find answers to questions, to develop their understanding of the world.

The Early Years curriculum will be having a big overhaul in September so there will be a greater focus on developing different skills. We will look closely at developing fine motor skills, in preparation for effective writing and we will be focusing a great deal on language development. Through play and teacher led tasks, children will explore new words linked to our books and our topics and encourage children to use these in their own play. There will be many opportunities for the children to develop their resilience and perseverance in the range of tasks that they will encounter.

Throughout the term, we will be practising our counting skills and begin to match numerals to quantities, using practical resources. Within their play and daily routines the children will be developing a secure understanding of quantities to 10. We will look at numeral formation, comparison of groups of objects and look at solving problems. We will learn songs and games to help us with our understanding of number. Patterns will be a key focus for our learning in maths, both in shapes and numbers.

Our phonic learning will begin with the exploration of different sounds and rhythms, listening to rhymes and repeating patterns that we can hear. We will then begin to introduce the names and sounds of different letters in our phonics scheme.



## **General Information**

Children will need to come to school with appropriate clothing for the day to ensure they are ready for either the very warm weather we tend to get in September or the colder, rainier days we get as we move into October.

### **Please name every item clearly**

Children are only allowed **water** to drink in school during the lessons. Please ensure that children are sent to school with a water bottle which is named clearly.

For snack times we offer children a piece of fruit or vegetables. These are alternated so children have a range of snack choices over the week. If you know that your child would prefer fruit or vegetables from home, you are welcome to send these in, in a named pot. Please ensure it is only a piece of fruit or some vegetables. Grapes must be cut in half, lengthways.

We have a range of fantastic dinner choices for the children but some may prefer a packed lunch. If children come with a packed lunch, please ensure that there are no nuts, nut based spreads or chocolate spreads included as we have many children and staff with allergies.

### ***P.E days are as follows for each class:***

- Mondays and Wednesday (Class 1)
- Tuesday and Thursday (Class 2)

We will not start PE immediately so the children will not need a PE kit when they first start school. We will let you know when they will start to need one and will let you know what items they will need.

Reading is a central part of our curriculum and we will look at a range of books throughout the year. When the children have settled in we will begin to send out individual reading books. We will send out further details about reading in the Autumn Term.

## **Trips in Early Years**

To begin the year, we always feel that it is essential for us to settle the children so we tend to leave trips until later in the year. Having said this, each topic will start with a 'WOW' starter day with memorable experiences for the children. Our first WOW day will be linked to different Autumn Activities that you can do with your children. After the October half term, we are planning an exciting day full of outdoor activities, around the school playing fields to discover small mammals' habitats and explore the environment.

If you do have any further questions and you wish to speak to us, please do not hesitate to make an appointment through the school office.

**Mrs Seamark, Mrs Rushen and Mrs Cooper**