



Reminders:

- School is open from 8:40am but learning begins at 8.45am.
- Please ensure you are on time as register will close at 9am.
- We will have PE once a week. Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE Kit on a Tuesday.
- PE Kit is as follows: blue/ black shorts or jogging bottoms (preferably non-branded) white t-shirt, white or black socks and sandals or trainers.
- Please ensure you have name labels in all of your child's clothing. This includes coats, hats, scarves.
- Please ensure your child has a book bag and a named water bottle in school. Limit of 1 keychain per book bag please (otherwise they don't fit in the drawers!)
- Please ensure your child brings a suitable coat to school. In Reception we go outside whatever the weather.
- If your child is not eating enough at lunchtime we will speak to you. Please support at home by letting your child know what's for dinner each day so they are aware of the choice they will have before coming to school. The menu is available on the school website.
- We do encourage each child to have school dinner this is free in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 – packed lunch is a final option.

Important information for parents!

At home:

- Speak like a robot! Ask your child to put things in the b-i-n to help to develop their ability to blend words and hear their constituent sounds.
- In autumn 2 Practise the tricky words we send home each week. These are the words commonly used in all of the early reading texts we will send home.
- Later in the year use the Maths Pack in your child's book bag to support fluency with numbers to 20. Use the activity cards for ideas!

Reading:

- Your child will read with an adult twice a week as part of a small group. This book will be linked to their phonic sounds that they have been taught and can read confidently.
- These sessions will focus on decoding and comprehension
- The book that they read in their weekly sessions will be sent home on a Friday.
- We encourage the children to read the book **numerous** times to build their fluency and confidence as readers
- They will also bring home a second book that they will select from the library. This is a book to share with you and is to be used to help develop a love of reading.

Independence at home and in school!

A few things you can do to support your child's development:

- encourage your child to dress themselves in the morning, undress themselves at night.
- Encourage your child to feed themselves, using a knife and fork where possible.
- Give them responsibility for their items they bring to school.
- Teach your child to fasten their coat independently.
- Practise name writing.
- Encourage children to be confident cleaning themselves after using the toilet.

Successful Lifelong Learners



Ellie the Elephant – For not giving up!



Uni the Unicorn – For using your imagination!



Positive Panda – For your super attitude to school!



Daisy the Dog – For trying new things!

Vision and values –

We have been looking at our new vision, values and curriculum drivers for the school. We are looking forward to sharing them with you soon. We are already sharing these with the children. We are also creating a brand new website so keep an eye out for the reveal date.



Our Learning Journey – Autumn 1



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This term is all about developing the children's confidence and making sure they are emotionally ready to begin learning. We will learn each other's names and we will teach the children how to behave in school. We will play lots of circle time games aimed at supporting this. We will talk about our families and learn about our emotions, what makes us feel happy and what makes us feel sad. We will talk about how we are each unique and how this makes us all so interesting!

Super Me!

During this topic the children will learn all about themselves, how their bodies work and how we are all special. We will talk about the superheroes in our families and everyday life and celebrate all of the different super powers we all have! We will get used to school rules and routines, make new friends and settle into life at Brunton!

Physical Development

The children will begin PE in week 3. They will be introduced to the rules and boundaries before participating in sessions that encourage them to negotiate space safely and learn about the different ways their super bodies can move!

Numeracy

This term we will be focusing on practising Numbers to 10 and developing our understanding of simple 2d shapes. We will count objects, order numbers and match the correct amount to the corresponding numeral. The children will have lots of opportunities to practise their skills during free flow using playdough, toys and anything they can get their hands on!

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Children will focus on recognising their names and then practise writing them correctly. We will begin teaching phonics in Week 3. The children will label the superheroes in their family, write about their own superpowers and label their own Super bodies! We will be starting some fine and gross motor activities to support their journey to becoming writers. (Dough Disco and Squiggle While You Wiggle)

