



Autumn Term 1

EYFS Curriculum Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to Ribblesdale School! We hope your child has enjoyed their first week with us. We have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know you and your children, and it's been wonderful to see them settling so well into school life. Thank you for your support with this, we appreciate what an exciting yet nervous time this can be for everyone. We are currently assessing the children in preparation for starting our phonics program, maths activities and topic work. If you have any questions or concerns, we are here to help- please send an email to primary@ribblesdale.org

The EYFS Team

This Terms' Topic Overview...

- **Baseline Assessment** (this is where we have the opportunity to find out more about your child and plan their next steps).
- **All About Me** – families, friends, interests, traditions, homes...
- **Long, Long Ago...** – Traditional tales, stories, Little Red Riding Hood, Goldilocks and the Three Bears!



Class Names

Every class in school has a British wildlife animal name. We are the Hedgehog Class! Staff in the Hedgehog class are: Mrs Furness and Mrs King.



Your child will need to bring a coat and their bag each day. Please ensure that

all items are labelled with your child's name...all jumpers, PE kit and even shoes!



Milk and Fruit

Children are offered fruit daily; these range from bananas to carrots or even strawberries.

Milk is free until the term of your child's 5th birthday. The school office will be in touch to explain how to pay for milk should you wish for it to continue after your child turns 5.



Physical Development

We provide opportunities for children to develop both their gross motor and fine motor skills every day through both our indoor and outdoor classrooms. Part of the curriculum focuses on dressing and undressing independently; this is something you can help with at home.



Independence

A big part of the Early Years is to foster children's independence. This can be putting on their own coats, going to the toilet independently, taking their shoes on and off, washing their hands and using a knife and fork at lunch. We focus on many of these areas in school and support children in becoming independent. We also ask that these are things you work on with your child at home on a day-to-day basis.

Our School Facebook Page

We have a school Facebook page which we update regularly. You can see all the exciting things we have been getting up to in school and how hard the children are all working. Please follow us to keep updated!



Seesaw is an app we use to track and share your child's learning with you during their time in EYFS. Please ensure you have signed up to join our class where you will be sent exciting photographs and 'wow' moments that your child has enjoyed in school. You can also use this app to share 'wow' moments from home - from weeding the garden, visiting the seaside to mastering those tricky buttons – we love to see them all!

Dates for the Diary:

8th September: Welcome information meeting 5pm

9th October: Flu immunisations in school

10th October: Harvest Festival

16th October: Parents' Evening (more information will be sent out in a couple of weeks)

22nd October: Finish for half term – normal school finish time

22nd October : Halloween Disco – 5:15pm – 6:00pm

23rd / 24th October: School closed – staff inset days

