

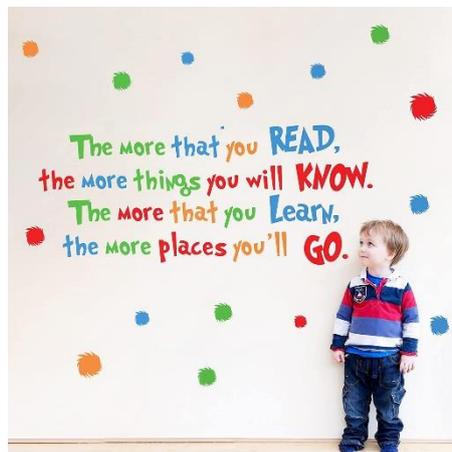
Early Years Autumn Term 2021

Firstly, we want to welcome all of our families to Place Farm Primary Academy and we want to thank you for working with us during transitions, settling in your child and adapting to the way we do things in Early Years. It is vitally important that we work together to build positive relationships with us, so together we can do the best for every child in our class.



PROUD – At Place Farm we have our five Proud Values; Professional, Resilient, Optimistic, Understanding and Driven. We are encouraging the children to work hard, always try their best and have a positive mind-set to overcome any barriers that may get in their way.

Phonics – All children have daily Phonic sessions; During the Autumn term Phase two sounds are taught and we are working hard at school to encourage children to learn all sounds by sight. Children are taught a new sound every day (four sounds a week) and then on a Friday these sounds are consolidated. Every day the children take home their sounds book, and we ask parents/carers to support their child by encouraging them to practise their sounds daily. 😊 Videos are uploaded to Class Dojo, so parents/carers can watch them to see how they can support their child at home.



Maths – Every day we have a Maths Meeting. The children come to the carpet, we discuss the days of the week, months of the year, we count forwards and backwards. We have been focusing on 2-D shapes, number bonds to 5 and numbers 0-10. We want the children to understand that shape, and number is everywhere. We want them to develop a rich language of Mathematical concepts, and reasoning. The children take home number card 0-10, so they can use these at home and learn to recognise numbers. Maths is everywhere and we want all children to be keen Mathematicians.

EExAT and Focus Children – Each term every child is a Focus child (3 x throughout the year). The week before parents are given a form to complete, we ask for this to be returned to the class teacher and they take note of the comments you make. During the week, the child's teacher will upload observations to the child's learning journal, and parents will be able to view these. At then at the end of the week, they will

have time to briefly talk to their child's teacher about how the child, how they are getting on at school and any next steps of learning they may have.

Topic – This half term we have been focusing on 'Ourselves' We have been focussing on our families, friends, likes and interests, our bodies and we have been engaging in many different texts;

The invisible string

Funny bones

When I grow up

The Growing Story

All about families

Within our weekly book focus the children are exposed to different vocabulary and the meaning of the different words. They are encouraged to think about the different plot points in the story and how they make you feel. Lots of discussion about the text is embedded and the children are encouraged to speak in full sentences. It has been wonderful to see their confidence develop as they participate in large group discussions. 😊