



Home activities Autumn 1

Dear parents / guardians

Welcome to Bobtails! The children have settled well, they have been very busy exploring their new environment and getting to know new friends. It has been lovely to see some children coming in to the classroom independently and we would like to encourage all children to do the same, however in the interests of health and safety please accompany your child across the playground to the small gated entrance to the outdoor play area where a member of staff will greet them.

Each half term we will send home suggestions of activities or ways that you can consolidate and support your child's learning and development at home. Your child may complete a weekly challenge from the list below. The idea is to provide opportunities for you and your child to have a go at things together and record their experiences in lots of different ways in the home/school link book provided. For example, you could include pictures, pieces of writing (annotated by an adult or older sibling if appropriate), typed text, photographs, artwork or souvenirs. Please do not worry if you cannot complete a challenge every week and feel free to adapt the challenges to fit around your family life and your child's current interests. Home/school link books should be handed in when a challenge has been completed. Please continue to encourage your child to record their own personal experiences and achievements on a 'proud cloud' which they can share with the class during 'show and tell' sessions.

Our topic this half term is 'Ourselves and Harvest'. We will be sharing lots of books linked to these themes starting with 'Oliver's Vegetables'. This week we will be giving the children their reading books. Children should read at least **four times each week**, please keep a log of the reading that they have done in their reading record (we will only change books if they are read at home therefore please remember to record this in your child's diary). Children who practise their reading at home do make much more progress than if their reading experiences are limited to school. Book changing days are generally Mondays and/or Fridays (banded and phonics books). We have a set of library books in the classroom which the children will be able to change on a weekly basis. All books should be in your child's book bag everyday, **no rucksacks**, please encourage your child to take care of their books.

We will be starting Forest school sessions on a Wednesday, please ensure your child has suitable footwear, preferably wellies and a warm coat. Could we also request that your child's clothes, including footwear is **clearly named**. We will let you know via a text message when Forest School will start.

Thank you for your continuous support.

Mrs Lewis, Mrs Walker and Mrs Coghlan.

VISIT	OUTDOORS	LIFE SKILLS	PLAY	FOOD	MAKING
A member of your family and tell them all about your new class.	How many colours can you spot in your garden?	Put on and fasten your own coat.	I - spy with my little eye....	With a grown-up make a fruit salad with your favourite fruits.	Make a collage using dry food - e.g. pasta and rice.
CREATIVE	PERFORM	READ	WRITE	NUMBER	TECHNOLOGY
Draw or paint a picture of your family.	A nursery rhyme for your family.	Share and talk about your favourite story.	Or trace your own name.	Be a number detective - what numbers can you find in your house and outside?	Take a photograph of your family.

