



Beechwood Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have settled into Beechwood and made a fantastic start to their time in the Foundation Stage. Thank you for your support with making their transition from Nursery to School a positive and enjoyable experience.



During the Foundation Stage your child will continue to learn through play. Creative and messy play provides important opportunities for children to learn through open-ended, hands-on, child-initiated activities, whilst also providing opportunities for development across all the areas of learning.

Messy play helps children to develop their gross and fine motor skills, co-ordination and concentration. During their play the children learn how to work co-operatively and collaboratively with their peers, whilst developing their curiosity, imaginative skills and gaining a sense of the world around them.

This play requires resources which need to be regularly replenished. Some examples of activities and the resources they require include:

Activity	Resources needed
Mark making and writing	Shaving foam, cotton buds, envelopes, postcards, wallpaper, hair-gel, glitter
Playdough	flour, salt, oil, food colouring, cream of tartar
Gloop	Cornflour, food colouring
Soapy Slime	Soap flakes, food colouring
Golden Slime	Liquid starch and PVA glue
Potato printing	Potatoes, paint
Bubble painting	Straws, paint, washing up liquid

Additional creative play resources include:

Jelly, shaving foam, feathers, beads, pom poms, sequins, chalk, glitter and dried food such as pasta, rice and salt.



To make your child's learning and writing fun we would like to ask for a termly voluntary contribution of £10, alternatively a $\frac{1}{2}$ termly voluntary contribution of £5 can be made, to replenish these items.

We also appreciate any junk modelling donations. ☺

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Claire Rolfe
Foundation Stage Leader



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