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Brambles Autumn Term Curriculum Letter 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Autumn term at Brambles.

At the heart of Brambles we believe that we learn to play and play to learn through real and purposeful activities and opportunities in nature and our community.

Autumn Term: Weekly Focus	
Autumn One Term: 4 th Sep – 20 th Oct	Autumn Two Term: 30 th Oct - 20 th Dec
All About Me	Autumn Treasures

Area of Learning	Main Learning Focus
Communication and Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Know many rhymes and be able to talk about familiar books. Use a wider range of vocabulary. Use talk to organise themselves and their play. Can start a conversation with an adult or a friend and continue it for many turns.
Physical Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use one handed tools and equipment. Use a comfortable grip when holding pencils and pens. Develop their movement, balance, riding and ball skills. Be increasingly independent in meeting their own needs such as using the toilet, washing and drying their hands. Be increasingly independent as they get dressed and undressed, for example putting on coats and doing up zips.
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Select and use activities and resources independently. Develop their sense of responsibility. Show more confidence in new social situations. Play with one or more other children, extending play ideas.
Literacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use some print and letter knowledge eg writing a pretend shopping list, mark making. Engage in conversations about stories, learning new vocabulary.
Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Show finger numbers up to 5. Talk about and explore 2D shapes. Select shapes appropriately, flat surface for building and a triangular prism for a roof etc.

Understanding the World	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Begin to talk about their families. • Show interest in different occupations. • Use all of their senses to explore natural materials. • Talk about what they see, using a wide vocabulary. • Explore how things work.
Expressive Arts and Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take part in simple pretend play. • Make imaginative and complex 'small worlds' with blocks and construction. • Join different materials and explore different textures. • Remember and sing entire songs. • Play musical instruments with increasing control.

Volunteers

If you have any items of interest, or know any songs or rhymes you could share to help support the weekly interests, please speak to your child's key person. Your child would love to have you volunteer to come into pre-school to lead an activity, share a talent or help us with our busy day.

Working in partnership

Please re-read the Welcome Pack as it has been put together with staff and past families to help you know what is going on at Brambles throughout the year. Please remember there is daily feedback from staff on the door and notices on the window. You can also call or email Brambles staff, please note that Keyworker emails may not be replied to until their designated PPA day however the Brambles Pre-school email is monitored daily.

There is also a weekly newsletter and termly curriculum letter that you will receive from school and they can also be found on the school website.

Clothing

Please put your child in clothing that they are able to manage themselves to help support independence whilst at Brambles such as Joggers and leggings and not dungarees or tights. Shoes that they are able to do themselves such as slip-on or Velcro, please no laces unless they can do it themselves and no wellies inside the classroom. Please ensure that all of your child's belongings are clearly marked with their name (jumpers, coats, hats, etc.). Although we try, Pre-school Staff cannot take responsibility for misplaced or missing uniforms etc.

Brambles uniform items with the school logo on are available to order.

http://www.brampton.cambs.sch.uk/website/school_uniform/223698

You can also purchase second hand Brambles uniform from the PTA.

For labels we recommend using : My Name Tags: <https://www.mynametags.com/> The PTA code is: 19333.

Celebrations

It is the custom of the pre-school to celebrate children's special occasions such as new siblings, family celebrations, birthdays etc. The pre-school team enjoy making a fuss and helping your child to enjoy their day. Brambles, alongside the school, are a healthy eating school and no sweets are permitted to be handed out by families, however you are welcome to bring in food such as crudities with dips, pizza we can cook, pastries, selection of berries/fruit or flapjack for your child to share at snack time.

Pre-school Times

The gates at Brampton Kids Club entrance will be open from 8.45am and 2.45pm, for families to line up through the play area used by Brampton Kids Club and through the pathway to the Brambles main entrance to ensure a one way drop off and collection system. Please wait and do not let your child climb on the rocks or play in the plants as we encourage everyone to look after our environment. It is important that children are dropped off and collected on time. If you are running late please do let Brambles know by ringing or emailing on the above contact details.

If another adult is collecting your child, please ensure that they know the collection time and entrance to use and in the interest of the children's safety please make sure a member of staff has been made aware prior to collection time.

Absences

Please do keep in touch and let Brambles know if your child is off for any reason; staff have a legal duty to record all absences. Please do this at least 15 minutes before the session they are due to attend. This can be done via an email to Brambles@brampton.cambs.sch.uk or a phone call and leave a voice mail 01480375063 **option 2**.

It is very important that your child is NOT sent to pre-school if they are displaying any of the symptoms associated with COVID-19. If your child has been vomiting or had diarrhoea, your child can return to Brambles 48 hours after their last episode in accordance with the school policy.

We would also ask that if you have given your child Calpol/Nurofen or similar medications before school you consider if they are actually well enough to attend Brambles.

Important Dates

Dates to remember	Event
Monday 11 th September	Reception school applications open.
Monday 25 th September	PTA Bags2School
Tuesday 10 th October	Brambles Open Afternoon after school until 4.00pm for current cohort.
Half term – Monday 23rd Oct- Friday 27th Oct	
Wednesday 15 th November	School Open Morning for new Reception parents
Friday 17 th November	Children in Need
Wednesday 20 th December	Last day of term

The Brambles Team are looking forward to a busy year with the children, with lots of playing, learning and fun along the way. We would like to thank you in advance for your co-operation in working alongside us to better your child's experiences of pre-school and their overall development.

The Brambles Team