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Brambles Spring Term Curriculum Letter 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Spring 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.

| Spring Term: Weekly Focus | |
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| Spring One Term: 6 th January- 13 th February | Spring Two Term: 23rd February – 27th March |
| Hibernation | Spring |
| Squirrels | Brilliant Books |
| UK Birds | Spring Flowers |
| Construction | Tadpoles and Frogs |
| Transport/Recycling | Rabbits |
| Instruments | |

| Area of Learning | Main Learning Focus |
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| Communication and Language | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Know many rhymes and be able to talk about familiar books.Enjoy listening to longer stories and can remember much of what happens.Use a wider range of vocabulary.Use talk to organise themselves and their play. |
| Physical Development | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Use one handed tools and equipment.Use a comfortable grip when holding pencils and pens.Go up steps and stairs, or climb apparatus, using alternate feet.Use large muscle movements to wave flags, streamers, paint and make marks.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">Develop their sense of responsibility.Increasingly follow rules, understanding why they are important.Show more confidence in new social situations.Play with one or more other children, extending play ideas.Begin to understand how others might be feeling. |
| Literacy | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Use some print and letter knowledge eg writing a pretend a shopping list, mark making.Engage in conversations about stories, learning new vocabulary. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Begin to develop their phonological awareness such as recognising initial sound. |
| Mathematics | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Show finger numbers up to 5. Recite numbers past 5. Talk about and explore 2D shapes. Understand positional words e.g. The bag is under the table |
| Understanding the World | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Show interest in different occupations. Use all of their senses to explore natural materials. Talk about what they see, using a wide vocabulary. Plant seeds and care for growing plants. Understand Life Cycles. |
| Expressive Arts and Design | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make imaginative and complex 'small worlds' with blocks and construction. Begin to develop complex stories using small world resources. Remember and sing entire songs. Play musical instruments with increasing control. Listen with increased attention to sounds. |

Below are a few reminders for the Spring term:

Clothing

Please put your child in clothing that they are able to manage themselves to help support independence while at Brambles for example joggers and leggings are better than dungarees or tights. Please provide shoes that they are able to fasten themselves such as slip-on or Velcro, please no laces unless they can do these independently.

Please ensure that all your child's belongings are clearly marked with their name (jumpers, coats, hats, etc.). Although we do try, pre-school staff cannot take responsibility for misplaced or missing uniforms etc.

We will be sending the green bags from their pegs home at half term so that their spare clothes can be replenished.

Bikes/Scooters

We have noticed several children are now coming to Brambles on their bikes and scooters, we encourage biking and scooting to school and advise that helmets should be worn.

However please can we ask that these are not left in the Kids Club Garden or leaning against the school wall by the main entrance. If you would like to leave your child's scooter or bike for collection time, then please can they be placed at the grey Brambles doors in the small bike stand. This also includes any pushchairs.

Please note that Brambles Pre School cannot take any responsibility for these items if they are damaged or stolen while left outside.

Pre-school Times

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.

Please note that if you are running late and knock on the grey door a member of staff will be with you as quickly as we can, If we do not answer immediately it will be because we are with the other children in the setting.

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. **If we have not been informed and the person collecting is not on your Brambles Admission form under your authorised adults, unfortunately we will not allow the child to leave the setting.**

Absences

Please do keep in touch and let us 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 to 01480 375063 **option 2**.

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 well enough to attend Brambles.

If your child requires any prescribed medication, please ensure this is handed to a member of staff so that the correct procedure can be followed and you do not leave any medication in your child's lunch bag.

Important Dates

| Dates to remember | Event |
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| Monday 5 th January | Teacher Training Day |
| Tuesday 6 th January | Children return to School |
| Thursday 15 th January | Closing date to apply for School |
| Half term – Monday 16th February- Friday 20th February | |
| Monday 23rd February | Children return to School |
| | Scholastic Book Fair |
| Thursday 5 th March | World Book Day |
| Friday 20 th March | Red Nose Day |
| Friday 27 th March | Last day of term |
| Monday 13th April | Teacher Training Day |
| Tuesday 14 th April | Children return to School |

The Brambles Team are looking forward to another busy term with the children, with lots of playing, learning and fun along the way, we would also like to Thank you all for your continued support working alongside us at Pre School.

The Brambles Team