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Brambles Autumn Term Curriculum Letter 2026

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: 3rd Sept – 23rd Oct	Autumn Two Term: 3rd Nov - 18th Dec
Transitions into Brambles	Fireworks/Fire
Transitions into Brambles	People who help us
All about Me	Our senses
Our Feelings	Space
Autumn Treasures	Stars
Spiders	Winter/ Winter Animals
Pumpkins	Christmas

Area of Learning	Main Learning Focus
Communication and Language	• Enjoy listening to stories. • Know some rhymes and be able to talk about familiar books. • Understand simple instructions • 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	• Use one handed tools and equipment. • Use a comfortable grip when holding pencils and pens. • Develop their gross motor skills, balancing, riding bikes/scooters and joining in with ball games. • 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	• Begin to express and talk about a range of emotions. • Manage Transitions from parent/carer to keyworker. • 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	• Join in with songs and rhymes. • Enjoy drawing freely • Add marks to their drawings, which they give meaning to, for example “that’s my mummy.” • Use some print and letter knowledge eg writing a pretend shopping list, mark making. • Engage in conversations about stories, learning new vocabulary.
Mathematics	• Take part in finger rhymes with numbers. • Show finger numbers up to 5. • Recite numbers past 5. • Talk about and explore 2D shapes. • Build with a range of resources. • Complete inset puzzles.
Understanding the World	• 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	• 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.

Working in partnership

Working in partnership with parents in Early years is essential for supporting children’s learning, development and wellbeing. At Brambles Pre School we offer a variety of ways to ensure that we can communicate and work together effectively.

There is a weekly Brambles newsletter and Termly Curriculum letter that you will receive from the school office via email, these can also be found on the school website.

There will be daily feedback from staff on the door as required and various information on the grey windows by the Brambles Bunting.

We hold two parents’ evenings across the Pre School year, one in October and one in April, we will share details of these closer to the time.

You can also call or email Brambles staff on the following:

Telephone 01480 375063

Brambles@brampton.cambs.sch.uk

Please note that the Brambles staff may not reply to emails immediately as we are all in the classroom with the children, however we will get back to you as soon as we are able to.

Brampton Village Primary School PTA

Every Brambles parent is automatically a member of the PTA, which depends on a continual cycle of parental involvement and support. Look out for dates of meetings and opportunities to help with important fundraising events. The PTA gives money towards educational items specifically for Brambles as well as projects which will benefit your child once they start school. When the PTA puts on large fundraising events such as the summer fair, Brambles has a stall and will ask for donations for prizes, help running the stall, and we will encourage you to come along.

Clothing

Please put your child in clothing that they can manage themselves to help support independence whilst at Brambles such as Joggers and leggings and not dungarees or tights. Shoes that they can do themselves such as slip-on or Velcro, please no laces unless they can do them independently and no wellies inside the classroom. Please ensure that all of your child's belongings are clearly labelled with their name (jumpers, coats, hats, etc.). Although we do 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.

Pre-school Times

Brambles is open from 9.00am- 3.00pm Monday to Friday.

The gates at Brampton Kids Club entrance will be open from 8.55am and 2.55pm, for families to line up through the play area, ready to drop off and collect your children for their sessions. This is also the entrance and exit if your child is to be collected or dropped off at Lunchtime.

We do ask that you wait with your children in the mornings and do not let them 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.

Please note that if you are running late and the gates are locked 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 notified and the person collecting is not on your consented collection list, then unfortunately we will not be able to release the child into their care.

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 phone call to 01480 375063.

It is very important that your child is NOT sent to pre-school if they are unwell.

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

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.

Important Dates

Dates to remember	Event
Friday 11 th September	Reception school applications open.
Tuesday 13 th & 20 th October	Brambles Parents evenings
Monday 26th - Friday 30th October - Half Term	
Monday 2 nd November	Teacher Training Day
Friday 13 th November	Children in Need
Friday 18 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