

Grove Road Primary School



11th October 2016

Building Blocks Programme

Dear Parents/carers,

You may recall that in the summer term we spoke to you about an exciting new programme we wish to run throughout the year with our Reception Families. Building Blocks provides you with the opportunity to both observe and support your child within the classroom; a unique 'fly on the wall' experience to help you better understand their learning journey at Grove Road.

Research has long held that children's achievement is closely linked to parental engagement in their education and as a school we fully support this. By attending the Building Blocks sessions we are offering, you will have an opportunity not only to participate in Literacy and Mathematics lessons, but also to gain a deeper understanding about why we teach the way we do.

The programme will offer 2 morning sessions for each of our Reception classes, one Literacy and one Maths based. This will then be repeated in the Spring and Summer term so you can see the progression your child has made and to further develop ways that you can support your child at home as they approach Year 1.

For the Autumn term, the sessions will run on **Monday 7th November** and **Monday 14th November** from 8.50 - 11.45am. We have chosen this timing to allow the children a full half term to settle into their routines and their new classes.

For full details of the sessions, please see the timetable overleaf.

TIMETABLE

8.30-9.50	Children go to reception class as usual for Busy Fingers	Parents/carers in dining hall – introduction of session led by SS
8.50-9.00	Register and introduction to the morning's activities and learning objectives.	
9.00-9.45	Teaching input: Literacy, Communication and Language Phonics session followed by a variety of activities to support learning.	Parents observing direct teaching led by class teacher, followed by parent – child shared learning
9.45-10.30	Child Initiated Learning time in the Foundation Stage Unit. Parent Learning Session in Key Stage 2 hall. Reflect on previous session with the children and what they learnt from it.	KC to lead parents/carer workshop session in KS2 hall
10.45-11.30	Teaching Input: Literacy, Communication and Language Direct input followed by variety of activities to support learning	Parents observing direct teaching led by class teacher, followed by parent-child shared learning.
11.30-11.45	Story/song time What have we learnt today?	Class teacher - plenary session

If you are able to attend both sessions then that would be fantastic. We do understand, however, if you can only attend one. It does not need to be the same parent attending each week.

If you are interested in joining us for this exciting Building Blocks programme, please complete the attached form and return it to your child's class teacher by Friday 21st October.

Best wishes,

Katie Collins & Louise Bowen

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Building Blocks Programme – please return to by Friday 21st October.

Child's Name: _____

Child's teacher: _____

I can attend the Literacy session on Monday 7th November please tick
 I can attend the Maths session on Monday 14th November please tick