

September 2026

Welcome to the Foundation Stage at Modbury Primary School.



We are really excited to have your child start their learning journey with us and we are sure we will all have lots of fun along the way! The children have had such a lovely time, settling into the school routines and making new friends.

Phonics:

The children will have daily Phonics lessons each week, learning four new phonic sounds per week. These will be delivered each morning and the children will have opportunity to develop their knowledge in our classroom provision. Each week we will send home their new sounds to help you to support your children's recall of their phonics. There will be a presentation to parents to find out how we teach phonics following the Little Wandle programme and how you can support your child in their journey to reading. There are some great resources and useful videos in the parent section of the Little Wandle website. Please take a look for further information.

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

English:

In English, we will use well known story books to learn and develop early writing skills. This will be done in conjunction with their phonic learning to allow the children to put their new phonic knowledge into practise and begin to think of themselves as a writer. We will be focussing on writing their name and forming their letters correctly, using an effective finger grip.

Reading:

Each week the children will be given a reading book in line with their phonic knowledge. They will have three group reading sessions a week which will provide them with fluency, expression and comprehension in their early reading journey. Your child's reading book will be sent home every Monday. This is the book they will be reading throughout that week at school and at home. We will read this book a few times during the week, so please can you bring it into school everyday, in your child's bookbag. Please feel free to comment and sign

when you have read with your child in the reading record book. You will also see comments about how your child is getting on with their reading at school with us, towards the end of each week. We will change the books once a week – on a Monday. Familiarity with the same book helps to build the children's confidence with reading. At this stage, the idea would be to share the book and identify the sounds that they recognise and discuss the main events of the story. Modelling of segmenting and blending of words is very useful at this stage too. Any questions, please just ask.

These will be sent home for you to practise at home and will be changed weekly.

Maths:

In Maths, we will be developing a deep understanding of numbers to 5. The children will be practising their subitising skills and exploring how these numbers can be made up and learning number bonds to 5. This provides a firm foundation for all their maths knowledge to build upon, securing number facts and their understanding mathematical concept of number. This will be done through four whole class learning sessions and small group activities to try out their new learning in a variety of practical ways

Topic

Our topic this year is being developed from our new Untied Curriculum programme. This will bring us into line with KS1 and KS2 teaching throughout the Federation. This term, the children will be finding out about

Me and My Family

My Heroes / Standing Ovation

These will be covered through whole class lessons and activities in the indoor and outdoor classroom provision. This half term we will be carrying out transition activities, developing our personal and social development to support them in learning new routines and building new relationships. They will find out about each other's families and how we are all different. We will go on to think about our heroes and what they do to help us. We will develop our artistic skills including creating self-portraits.

The children will take part in a nativity play with KS1 at Christmas time.

A few other things...

We will be doing PE on Thursday. Please make sure your child's PE kit is in school on that day, the children can leave this bag on their peg throughout the half term and we will send it home for washing if needed.

Snack:

We do have fruit provided for snack however some children prefer to bring in a snack from home. Your child is encouraged to bring a small, **healthy snack** such as a piece of fruit to have during **morning break**. Please label any plastic containers with your child's name on it. Please cut any grapes lengthways. Thank you.

Forest School:

The children have a session of Forest School every Wednesday with Achieve 4 All. The children will be outside in our exciting, woodland area and will take part in lots of activities. **The children need to come to school in their forest school clothes. Children will require wellie boots, waterproof clothing (coat and trousers) and another pair of shoes and socks to wear inside the classroom. If they have an all in one waterproof, please send their coat to be used at lunch and home-time.**

Finally ...

We would like to open our door to you, both if you have any questions or queries, and if you have any resources, skills, or experiences that could help us on our learning journey. Please do not hesitate to come and see us.

Welcome to Reception!

Mrs Ratcliffe