



Reception Curriculum Newsletter—Autumn Term

Welcome to Reception

Welcome to Reception Class! We have been so impressed with how well the children have settled into their new class. It is wonderful to see them developing new friendships and enjoying the activities inside and out. Thank you for helping your children to settle quickly on the carpet in the mornings. To continue to develop their independence we ask that you encourage the children to put their own things away in the morning and we have been impressed to see children doing this already during the first week. Our overarching priority for this term is to settle your child into the school environment and the routine.

P.E

P.E. is timetabled for Thursdays and over the course of the term we will be introducing multi-skills sessions on a Monday. Your child will need to keep their P.E. kit in school as we do sometimes use it on other days. P.E. kits are sent home each half-term to be washed, which provides you with the opportunity to check that it still fits and that the name has not come off.

In addition, for any outside play they will also need to bring a pair of wellies and a coat.

Read, Write, Inc

As part of "Read, Write, Inc" please make sure to check your child's book bag each day for letters and any new books to share. You will find some home learning, which will be linked to the sounds they learn each day in the class room. They will need to practice cursive writing of this letter as well the sound and pronunciation. The more familiar the children are with the sounds, the quicker the development of their reading skills and love of reading. Over the course of the term, the children will be given reading books to share with you at home. Sharing a book with your child at this stage is not only important for their reading development but also for their ability to understand and discuss the content of the reading. A reading record will also be provided so that we can track the books they have read and the progress they are making with their reading.

Please sign your child's reading record each time they read. We would be grateful if you could encourage your child to bring their book bag to school every day.

Maths

In our Numeracy lessons, our focus for this term is to understand the children's numerical skills to identify the key areas for development. We will start with counting, adding and subtracting of numbers up to 20. Teaching will be done to encourage their ability to count physically i.e. objects, as well as mentally. To support your child at home, any additional practice in number and shape recognition would be beneficial.

Creative Learning Journey

Our CLJ unit this term is called 'On The Move'. This encompasses concepts such as transport, progression, development and movement. CLJ covers ideas and learning which sit outside of the standard early years curriculum found in English, Maths and Reading.

Values/ Skills

It is one of our main aims for your child to have a happy and positive start to school life in order to reach their full potential. Therefore the main values we will be promoting this term are **independence, resilience and happiness!** Please help to support these skills at home by encouraging your child to dress themselves independently, practise cutting using a knife and fork and being to identify their belongings.

Article 28: You have the right to go to school and learn.

More information and a chance to ask questions will be provided at the upcoming coffee meet the teacher on Friday the 20th of September. In the meantime, if you have any questions or queries you can contact me through the school office.

Mrs Webb,
Reception Teacher