

Reception Newsletter Autumn 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to Reception, we hope that you had an enjoyable summer and we look forward to getting to know you and your children. Here is some important information regarding the Autumn Term.



The Reception Team

Class Teachers: Mrs. Powell (RP), Mrs Brown (RB).

Support Teacher: Mrs Smith.

Nursery Nurses: Miss Finnegan (RP) & Miss Ana

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Masters & Mrs Leite (RP) , Mrs.Amiry and Miss Charlotte(RB)

Reading Support: Mrs Seth-Smith

Topic Information: 'You, Me and Everyone'

We have planned a range of activities that will enable your child to develop more of an understanding of themselves and others. Children will begin by exploring their different senses and develop a deeper understanding of feelings and emotions and how to manage them.

We will be encouraging the children to become more confident and independent. Helping them to believe in themselves and take on new challenges.

General Information

- **Uniform:** Children need to wear full school uniform. Please name everything!
- **Weather:** Please dress your child for the weather. Children spend part of their day outdoors so as the winter weather sets in a warm, waterproof coat, gloves, hat and scarf are recommended.
- **Someone Else Collecting:** We are unable to let your child go home with someone else unless you tell us beforehand.
- **Birthday Book Club:** If it is your child's birthday you may want to bring in a book to be shared with the class and then donated to the Birthday Book Club.
- **Drop off and collection:** The gate opens at 8.45am, it closes at 8.55 am. Please escort your child to the classroom door. At the end of the day the gate opens at 3.10

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- **Homework:** Homework is sent home fortnightly. It supports what children have been learning in school. Please support your child to complete their homework.
- **Class Teddy:** Children will get the opportunity to take home our class bear. Please involve him in your daily routine, write a little and add a photo to his diary to be shared with the class.
- **Cooking Money:** We request a voluntary contribution of **£10** per child for the term (roughly £1.00 / week). This can be paid online through 'School Money' and contributes towards the cost of extra cooking and sensory ingredients that are essential to enrich the curriculum.
- **Concerns:** Staff are always on the door at the beginning and end of the day if you have any concerns.
- **Celebrating achievements from home:** We enjoy sharing your child's achievements from home within the class. If your child does anything that you would like us to share please send it into school.

Curriculum Information

Reading

Children will begin to bring home reading books on Mondays, Wednesday's and Friday's. Please spend time hearing and supporting your child to read and then comment in the HomeLink Book.

Phonics

The children will begin to work through the DFE Letters and Sounds Programme. Over the Autumn Term we will be working at Phase 1 and 2. Supportive materials can be found at: <http://www.letters-and-sounds.com/>

Writing

The children will be encouraged to have a go at writing independently through a range of mark-making and writing activities. Handwriting practice takes place daily and is also visited during the daily phonics lesson. Your children will soon begin to form simple words.

Maths

This term we will focus on recognising small quantities of objects (0-10) and matching them to the corresponding numerals. We will be using mathematical language to explain our reasoning, as well as describing shapes and simple patterns.