



## Reception Autumn 2022



# Welcome to Reception

We are looking forward to getting to know your child and working with you in the year ahead.

This term we will be looking at *Ourselves*, *The World around Us*, *Festivals* and *Christmas*. In addition to this, we always try to follow the interests of the children which can lead to many different pursuits of learning.

**Personal and Emotional Development** - This is a focus area for the first half term. We will be working on ensuring that the children feel happy and secure in the setting. We will explore the environment and meet the different adults who make up our school community. The children will be developing the confidence to speak to their peers and familiar adults and making new friends.

**Communication and Language** - The children will be tested in the first few weeks to assess their language skills and then given extra support if it is found to be needed. They will be encouraged to speak in sentences, sharing news and asking for help. As well as listening and responding to ideas expressed by others the children will also be encouraged to answer 'how' and 'why' questions about what we experience and learn through our topics.

**Physical Development** - We will begin to practise our fine motor skills, cutting, sticking, rolling and stretching. We do this by using Lego, play dough, threading, sand, marbles and building and model making materials. This will help us to hold a pencil and begin to use it to write letters and then words.

**Literacy** - This term starts our phonics sessions. We will all be learning together on a new scheme of work. The scheme will follow a similar structure to our previous one where the children will be introduced to four phonemes (sounds) during the week and consolidate on Friday. We will learn how to write the phonemes as they are taught. We will also do class reading as part of the session. The children will also have a reading book to share at home. Once the sessions are in place, we will hold an informal reading/writing evening to share in greater depth how this works and how you can support your child.

**Maths** - After a couple of weeks conducting baseline assessments, we will begin to explore numbers. We start back at the beginning with 0 and then 1. We will be counting on and back, ordering and subitising. This is to give the children a deep understanding of number and place value. We will also explore shape and pattern.

**Understanding the World** - We will be looking at our place in the world. Exploring where our families come from and where we live in the world, country, and city. We will be finding Coventry on a map. We will be looking at the changing seasons and exploring Creation.

**Expressive Arts and Design** - We will be producing different artwork, exploring a variety of materials, tools and techniques. In music sessions, we will explore instruments and how they work. We will learn new songs and rhymes.

### **General Information**

- Please can you make sure that all uniform is labelled with your child's name.
- Your child will need a book bag that needs to be in school every day.
- We ask for a donation of a pound per week to help us to replace broken toys and provide your child with more experiences. A box will be left outside the reception classroom during drop off in the morning to leave your donation, if you are able. Thank you for your support in this, it really helps.
- PE kits will be needed on Tuesday, starting from next week. Please leave the PE kit in a bag on your child's peg.
- In Reception we go outside in all weathers, please can you leave a pair of wellingtons in school and make sure that your child wears a coat appropriate for the weather.
- As this is the season of coughs and colds, we would welcome a donation of a box of tissues for use in the classroom.

### **Dates for your diary**

*Please see the main school newsletter and website for whole school events happening over the next few weeks.*

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October** - Handwashing session with the school nursing team.

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** - Santa's Christmas Rescue at the Belgrade Theatre

If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact me at [sharon.jilks@allsoulschool.co.uk](mailto:sharon.jilks@allsoulschool.co.uk)

Thank You

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