



Reception Newsletter Autumn Term



Hello and welcome!

We hope your child has enjoyed their first few weeks settling into their new class. We are very proud of everyone. Reception is an exciting and busy year, and so we want to support you in every way we can. You will receive information about whole school matters through school letters, but we also wanted to send you our own information about Reception through a newsletter.

We are working within the seven areas of learning in the Early Years Foundation Stage. These are:

Communication and Language: This is the development of children's spoken language, which underpins all seven areas of learning and development.

Physical Development: Physical activity is vital in children's all-round development, enabling them to pursue happy, healthy and active lives.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development: Children's personal, social and emotional development is crucial for children to lead healthy and happy lives, and is fundamental to their cognitive development.

Literacy: It is crucial for children to develop a life-long love of reading. Reading consists of two dimensions: language comprehension and word reading.

Mathematics: Developing a strong grounding in number is essential so that all children develop the necessary building blocks to excel mathematically.

Expressive Arts and Design: The development of children's artistic and cultural awareness supports their imagination and creativity.

Understanding the World: Understanding the world involves guiding children to make sense of their physical world and their community.

Topic

For the first half term our topic is 'Marvellous Me'. We will be exploring our families and communities, the world around us and what makes us special. We will also be learning about the season of Autumn. We aim to develop exploration and observation skills by focusing on the seasonal changes, such as the different colours of the trees and fallen leaves, and the change in weather.



Good News - Keep us informed!

'Wow!' certificates are available for you to fill in whenever your child achieves a special goal. Perhaps they can put on their shoes, ride a bike, try a new food or write their name. Each child's achievement will be unique to them.

Outdoor Learning

These are some of the reasons why we incorporate outdoor learning:

- The positive impact it has on the health and wellbeing of young people
- It helps to develop responsible and independent young people, with lifelong appreciation of the natural world
- The outdoors improves children's social and communication skills which are essential
- Being outdoors in all weathers can be beneficial for children's stamina, resilience, and understanding of the seasons and how they change

How you can help at home:

- Read to your child as often as possible; as well as reading stories you can read print in the environment e.g. signs and street names
- Count objects with your child and encourage them to recognise the basic shapes around them (square, circle, rectangle, triangle)
- Help by practising to put shoes, socks and coats on and off with your child
- Practise writing their name

Important Dates!

- The last school day of this half-term is Thursday 21st October
- Children return to school on Monday 1st November
- School is closed on Friday 26th November
- Christmas holiday begins on Friday 17th December
- Don't forget to visit our website for more information <https://ctking.npcat.org.uk/>

Thank you for your continued support