



Welcome to Reception!



Reception

Welcome to Reception class, we are looking forward to a wonderful year as we watch the children develop and achieve their own goals. The school day will be a mix of focused teacher led activities and play based learning with the use of our outdoor area and Forest School. Each half term we have a main topic that is the focus of our activities. From this central theme we plan activities across the different areas of early learning and incorporate the children's particular interests as we go.

Mrs Pearson (Early Years Lead)

Reading in Reception...

Reading is a huge focus in Reception and a subject we take very seriously. We want our children to grow into confident, fluent readers. Your child will be given a decodable reading book each week. In addition, there will be a book to share together that will be a little more challenging. They will also choose a library book each week for you to enjoy together. They will need to keep their reading diary in their book bags to bring to school every day as we often make notes in this and send home words and captions to learn.

The children will have lots of opportunities to read and enjoy books throughout the week at school. They can log onto www.oxfordowl.co.uk anytime using the **username: Prudhoe** and **password: key1** to access even more books.

Rewards...

Each Friday children from Reception will be chosen to be our Star of the Week. Stickers will be awarded regularly for lovely work, trying our best and great behaviour. We give out lots of individual praise if children do something amazing.

Good websites...

We use Tapestry to upload photos and videos of your child's learning at school. This can also be used at home and you can share your child's learning journey. An easy how to use Tapestry guide is shared on our website but please ask us for any support you may need. The children love sharing their photos from home which we always display on the big white board so please upload regularly. It is a wonderful link for the children between home and school.

General Reminders...

- Reception love to go outside in all weathers so can you bring a **pair of wellies** for your child and label them with their name.
 - The children will be doing **P.E. every Wednesday**. Please ensure your child wears their P.E. kit to school that day and that all items including shoes are clearly labelled. We encourage children to practise getting dressed at home to help them get changed quickly in school!
 - Any letters or reply slips, which need to be returned, can be put in your child's book bag.
 - The children need their own water bottle to keep in class which they can access throughout the day.
 - We will share your child's learning on Tapestry and ensure you are set up with an account and login.
- **SUPER IMPORTANT!** Please make sure your child's name is written clearly on everything!