

Welcome to Reception

Dear Parents and Carers,

What amazing little superstars you have given us in our class this year! They have all settled in so nicely. We are so impressed with them already and are very much looking forward to the year ahead.

Mrs Brown and Mrs Mothersdale

IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PROVIDE WELLINGTON BOOTS FOR YOUR CHILD IN ORDER FOR YOUR THEM TO ACCESS THE OUTDOOR CLASSROOM ON RAINY DAYS. I DO HAVE A COUPLE OF SPARE PAIRS BUT UNFORTUNATELY, NOT ENOUGH FOR EVERYBODY.

IF YOU WISH, YOU CAN ALSO PROVIDE AN UMBRELLA. THESE WILL ONLY BE PERMITTED IN THE OUTDOOR CLASSROOM AND NOT AT PLAYTIMES.

PE day

Monday

Please leave your child's PE kit in a bag on their peg and I will ensure that it is sent home at the end of each half term.

AUTUMN TIME

INEVITABLY, THE COLDER AUTUMNAL WEATHER IS CREEPING IN AND IT SEEMS THAT THE MILD WEATHER IS LEAVING US. PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILD BRINGS SUITABLE CLOTHING SUCH AS HATS, GLOVES AND SCARVES WITH THEM TO SCHOOL.

Although your children are very good at self care with toileting, with the cold weather and in a new setting, on occasion, they may be too shy to ask to go to the bathroom or may be too busy making new friends and playing with new resources. For this reason, some little accidents may occur. Please leave some spare clothes in a bag (this can be their PE bag) in case such small accidents occur. I find that children much prefer to wear their own clothes than borrow some from school.

Dates for your diary:

Reading Evening—Thursday 12th September
Class Meeting—Wednesday 18th September
Positive Psychology week—30th September
Stay and Play—



Teaching and Learning

RE

Mrs Mothersdale will be delivering RE lessons on Mondays. This half term the topic is God's World. During this time we will be thinking about the wonderful world that God created for us and all the things he provided in it like creatures, weather and food. We will think about how God created each of us as unique and individual and we will think about what makes each of us special.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Starting a new school can be very tricky. We will be focusing on becoming independent and confident within our new class. We will discuss class and school rules and we will help each other to stay safe. We will make lots of new friends and take part in circle times to raise awareness of each others feelings. During Positive Psychology week we will learn to appreciate who we are and talk about things we are proud of ourselves for.



Communication and Language

Our communication skills will develop greatly during this first term at school. We will be conversing with lots of new people and through the Read Write Inc scheme and our learning topic, we will be learning lots of new vocabulary. We will learn how to use our words to negotiate with each other in class and learn how talk is much more powerful than using our hands to get what it is that we would like.



Physical Development

We will access the outdoor classroom and all its resources to work on both our fine motor and gross motor skills. We will also begin to take part in PE lessons with Mrs Mothersdale and will get ourselves changed into our PE kit. We will learn how to find empty and safe spaces in the hall and will practise different types of jumping skills as well as skipping and hopping.



Literacy

We will begin our school phonics journey and we will take part in daily Read Write Inc sessions. We will learn how to correctly say each letter sound and learn how to write it using the cursive script. This can be quite tricky so we will practise a lot. We will begin to hear letter sounds in words and use them to write labels and captions for pictures and in our books.



Mathematics

The Numberblocks will play a key role in helping us on our number journey this year. We will be thinking deeply about numbers and really delving into what each number really means. During this first term we will also talk about and recreate lots of patterns and we will also begin to compare numbers and reason why things are the way they are.



Understanding the World

Through our topics we will be thinking about light and dark and we will experiment with torches to create shadows. We will think about our wonderful world and how it fits into the solar system. We will think about the different things we do during the day and begin to tell the time on clocks. If any of the children have any books or artefacts about space, light or darkness that they wish to share with the class please let Mrs Brown know.



Expressive Arts and Design

Mrs Burr will support us in our Music lessons on Wednesdays and we will be working hard to improve our listening skills. We will listen to and respond to different pieces of music in different ways and will begin to learn the names of the instruments and practise playing them. In the classroom we will be exploring all the new resources and will think about how we can use them in different ways or in different areas of provision.

