

Reception – Turtle Class: A day by Day Guide

Now that your child has settled well into their new class we will be following our normal timetable. As there is a lot to remember and some things are new I thought it would be useful to outline some of our daily activities and things that you may need to remember.

General Information:

- Reading books – your child will soon bring home a class reading book and reading diary. This will be changed every Monday. Please place them in the green tray (next to the fish tank) on a Monday morning. We also have two boxes of books that can go home that you may change as often as you like. These are 'red spot story books' and 'ORT' books. Please replace a book before taking a new one.
- Library books – we will visit the school library every Monday. Please place them in the green tray (next to the fish tank) on a Monday morning.
- We provide a daily snack for the children which we have around mid-morning. This consists of a piece of fruit or vegetable and their water. The children are able to access their water all day and bottles can be refilled when empty. Please do not put water bottles in the book bag as they may leak onto books.
- We have daily phonics sessions where the children play games to develop their understanding of letters and sounds and rhyme and alliteration.
- Handwriting – each week we have a dedicated time for handwriting practice. At this stage we are focussing on developing the gross motor skills that children need to develop before they can develop their fine motor skills. We are playing lots of games and making big whole body movements before we move onto the finer movements of writing with pens and pencils.
- Mrs Kauffman will cover any planning, preparation and assessment time as well as my senior management release time. This will be on a Tuesday and Wednesday morning.
- Assemblies – after half term we will join the infants for some assemblies. These will include singing, Father Dan's service and a class themed assembly.
- Star of the week – Each week we will choose a 'star of the week'. The chosen child will bring home a special box on the Friday to fill with important things to show the class the following week. Every child will have a turn at being the 'star' throughout the year.

Monday:

Monday is our reading day. We will have group reading sessions and change our class reading book. We will also visit the school library. Your child will be allowed to bring home a library book each week. Please make sure that they bring their library book back the following Monday so that they can choose a new book.

Wednesday:

ICT – we will visit the ICT suite alternate Wednesday mornings. This is a chance to develop our computer skills.
Forest School – It will be our class afternoon for forest school. Children will need to bring a change of clothes and shoes (suitable for the weather). Further details and start date to follow.

Thursday:

Bike Time and Playground Games – every Thursday morning before lunch we have a session in the playground where we can use the bikes and scooters, the traversing wall and play playground games. This is a dedicated time for developing our gross motor skills

Music – every Thursday afternoon we will have a music session in the small hall.

Friday:

Buddy Time – our year six buddies will spend some time with us every Friday morning.

P.E – we will have a P.E session every Friday afternoon. Please ensure that your child has a named P.E kit in school at all times. We will send it home during the holidays for washing (or before if we feel it needs a wash).

If you have any questions please feel free to ask.

Mrs Gibson