



Reception Newsletter- Autumn Term 2021

Welcome everyone! The children have had a very successful start to school life so far! They have settled well and adjusted very quickly to the new routines and the class environment. We are heading for a busy term with lots of exciting activities and experiences to look forward to. For the first few weeks, the focus will be on following routines and rules and becoming familiar with the resources and activities in Reception class. We will also be introducing the more formal teaching of daily Phonics and Maths lessons. Our topic this term is 'Who am I and Where do I come from?' Government Statutory Baseline Assessments will be administered in class over the next few weeks for all Reception age children. If you need any further information please contact Mrs Griffiths (Head Teacher) on 0191 5261662

Communication, Language and Literacy

A key starting point for communication, language and literacy is to develop good listening skills. We will play listening games, learn new songs and rhymes and listen to stories which link to our class topic. Daily comprehension sessions will encourage the children to ask questions, make predictions and relate characters or themes in the story to their own life experiences. Our topic books this term are:



This term, children will also start our phonics programme, 'Sound Write' and they will be issued with their very first reading book once they recognise the first set of sounds and show an ability to blend and segment words. More information on Reading and Phonics will be given at the Phonics and Maths Presentation evening on 30th September.

Writing

Children will develop their pencil control skills, to write with the correct grip and with control, writing their own names and letters taught alongside the phonics programme.

Maths

In the first term children will be rote counting and singing number songs and rhymes and familiarising themselves with the numerals 0-10 through games and activities. We will start our Maths programme, 'Activelearn Primary' which involves hands on activities and alongside simple writing tasks.

Topic

Children learning about themselves, their families and their community through art and craftwork, stories, discussion and a visit to the local park.

Outdoor play

Please understand that we will encourage outdoor play in all weathers and it is important that children have a suitable coat and sensible shoes at all times. During cold/wet months could you provide your children with hats and gloves and a pair of wellies which can be left in school.

Reminders and Routines

As we have now returned to normal school hours, children are to be dropped off at the Reception class gate each morning for 8.50am and picked up from the Reception outside play area for 3.05pm.

PE takes place every Thursday morning, either indoors or outdoors, depending on weather. Please ensure your child is dressed for PE on that day and has the appropriate footwear.

Although the weather is changeable, please ensure your child **always brings a coat** with them into school. Could we also ask you to clearly label all jumpers and cardigans. Often children take them off and it can be difficult matching the right item of clothing to the right child! Children can bring in their own labelled water bottles if they wish, but we advise no fizzy drinks.

Celebrations

Every Friday we have a whole school 'Celebration Assembly', Throughout the week children can earn raffle tickets for good behaviour, kindness or excellent work. The raffle draw then gives pupils the chance to win prizes.

In addition to this, Star Award and Behaviour Certificates are awarded to a child in each class for exemplary behaviour or outstanding work or effort. Stickers and special prizes are also regularly given in class to celebrate children's achievements and promote positive behaviour.

SeeSaw

As usual, we will continue to post pictures of work, play and observations of your children on Seesaw. This is a great way to feel part of your child's day-to-day learning and it also provides you with the opportunity to share comments, access notices and send messages to staff. Seesaw is a partnership, so please feel free to upload images of your child's experiences or learning at home.