

# Reception Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Reception!

During these first few weeks, our aim is to get your child into school with a smile and to have them happy and settled in their class. If you have any worries or concerns about this, please come and see your child's class teacher at the end of the day, as the mornings are rather busy.



## Who's Who

<b>Miss C. Morson</b>	Early Years Leader and RM teacher (Mon-Wed)
<b>Miss J. Wright</b>	RM Teacher (Thurs-Fri)
<b>Mrs T Austin</b>	Teaching Assistant (RM and RH)
<b>Mrs C Hyde</b>	RH Teacher (Mon-Wed)
<b>Mrs R Fairbrother</b>	RH Teacher (Thurs and Fri)
<b>Mrs N Bird</b>	Teaching Assistant (RH mornings)
<b>Mrs L Williams</b>	Forest School Leader
<b>Mr J Lindley</b>	PE teacher (Wednesday mornings)
<b>Mrs E Jones</b>	Music teacher (Wednesday mornings)

## Topic:



Our first topic will be all about 'Our Fabulous Families'. We will be talking about where we live, who we live with, our pets, our local area as well as lots of other things that are important to us.

We would like your child to bring in a photograph of their immediate family so they can talk to others about their families.

## P.E.

Both classes have PE on a Wednesday morning. Please ensure that your child has the appropriate kit, a t-shirt or polo shirt (white or their house colour), navy or black shorts, trainers, a navy or black tracksuit to wear in colder weather. Please provide a drawstring pump bag to store it in (there is

not room on their peg for a large rucksack style bag). **It is essential that all items of PE kit are clearly labelled with your child's name (including trainers)**. PE kits should be left in school and we will send them home at the end of each half term.

## Things we need:

- Bookbag with reading diary and reading book – everyday. These will be given out over the next few weeks.
- Water bottle – everyday. Please do not keep these in bookbags as they can leak and ruin our books.
- Wellies to be kept in school
- Photographs of your family

**Please help us by ensuring that all uniform and personal belongings are named.**

## Curriculum:

Here are some of the other topics that we will be learning about this term. If you have any books, photographs or anything of interest that would link to our topics, please come and let us know and we will endeavour to include this in our planning.

- Autumn
- Harvest – including food and keeping healthy
- Nursery rhymes
- Toys – old and new
- Diwali
- Christmas

## What we will be reading :

During our topics we will be reading the following texts:

- All about Families by Felicity Brooks
- The Great Big Book of Families by Mary Hoffman

- Guess How Much I Love You in the Autumn by Sam McBratney
- Lighting a Lamp by Jonny Zucker



### Forest School



The children have Forest School every week as a whole class.

Their first session will be w/b 18<sup>th</sup> September.

RM will be on Tuesdays, starting from Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September and RH will be on Wednesdays starting from Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September.

The first session will be a taster session and parents are invited to attend with their child (See separate letter). Please ensure your child comes to school on their forest school day wearing their clothes suitable for activities in Forest School. We will provide waterproof suits for them to wear.

### Toys

As a general rule, we do not allow toys from home to be brought into school. This is because they can get lost or damaged and this causes upset. From time to time, we will ask you to bring in something from home to help with our learning but we will always send a note about this first.

### Zone Board

We have a zone board for behaviour in Reception. All actions are related to our 'Reception Golden Rules'.

These are:

- Be truthful
- Be helpful
- Be kind
- Be a good listener
- Be the best we can be.



Every child starts each session on the **green**. Green is 'good' as it shows that the rules are being followed. If a child is not following a rule a verbal warning is given. If the behaviour continues they move down to **orange** which shows them which rule they have broken. If the behaviour still continues they move down onto **red** and 'calm time' is given. If the behaviour is modified a child will return to green. Positive behaviour is also reinforced. If a child demonstrates exceptional behaviour and follows the rules they move up the zone board to **gold**. If a child is in the gold zone at the end of the session they may receive a certificate. We aim for all of our children to finish the day on green or gold.

### Drinks and Snacks

During each session, the children have the opportunity to have a drink and a snack. Free milk is provided until the children are 5. If you would like your child to receive milk after this time please contact the school office for the relevant forms and arrange payment. Snacks are usually fruit or vegetables. Your child may bring in their own piece of fruit or vegetable if you would prefer. Your child will also have access to their water bottles at all times.



### Dates for your diary:

- Parents' Reading Workshop – Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2.15pm-3.00pm.
- Parents' Evenings Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October
- Half term week beginning Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October.

We are all looking forward to a fun-filled first term! If you have any queries please do not hesitate to come and see us.

*The Early Years Team*