

Reception Newsletter

Dear
Parents/Carers,



Welcome to Reception! We hope that you and your child have had a smooth start to the school year. 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

Miss C. Morson	Early Years Leader and RM teacher
Mrs R Holland	RHB Teacher (Mon - Wed)
Mrs V Brothwell	RHB Teacher (Thurs and Fri)
Mrs J Clarke	Teaching Assistant (RM)
Miss T Girling	Teaching Assistant (RHB)
Mrs T Austin	Learning Support Assistant (RM)
Mrs S Crew	Learning Support Assistant (RM)
Mrs J. Cooper	Learning Support Assistant (RHB)
Mrs L Williams	Forest School Leader
Mrs P Kelly-Edwards	Music Teacher (Tues am)
Mr J Lindley	PE Teacher (Tues am)

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.

Please bring in some photographs of your family and home, if you have not already done so.

P.E.

Both classes have PE on a Tuesday morning.

Please ensure that your child has the appropriate kit, **including trainers that fit and outdoor clothes for the colder weather.** Please label all PE kits clearly. PE kits should be left in school and we will send them home at the end of each half term.

Things we need:

- Bookbags – everyday
- Diaries – these will be given out during our Reading Workshop
- Wellies to be kept in school
- Photographs of your family and home.

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
- Scarecrows
- Transport and journeys
- Diwali
- Rhymes
- Christmas

Forest School



Your children have been put into Forest School groups.

Group 1 will have their first session on Wednesday 19th September (RHB) and Friday 21st September (RM). Both of these sessions will be 1pm until 3pm. Parents will be invited in to share the first session with their child. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing their clothes suitable for activities in Forest School. We will provide waterproof suits for them to wear. A letter will follow with further information.

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 reward such as a sticker or 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 go to the office to fill in the relevant forms and arrange payment. Snacks are usually fruit or vegetables. Your child may bring in their own healthy snack if you would prefer. Your child will also have access to their water bottles at all times.



Dates for your diary:

- Week beginning Monday 17th September – outdoor provision begins.
- Keep an eye out for our Reading Workshop later this term.

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