



Reception Newsletter

Autumn 2

November 2019

Hello and welcome to Reception Class!

The children will continue to be taught by Ms Donaghy and Miss Taylor.

Doors open at 8.35, school starts at 8.45am and finishes at 3.05pm.

Please ensure your child arrives at school on time each day and tell us or telephone if you would like someone else to collect your child. We can only allow your child to leave with another adult if you have given your permission.



Themes

This half term our learning will be focused around a range of stories including 'The Gingerbread Man and 'Not a stick.' We will also be continuing to learn about autumn changes, the Hindu festival of Diwali, Bonfire Night and Christmas. The children will be exploring these through the six learning areas of the Early Years Foundation Stage.



We teach Mastery Maths in Reception Class and focus on one number for one or two weeks. We are starting this half term by looking at number 4 in depth. Within this we look at different ways the number 4 can be represented e.g. 4 o'clock, numicon patterns for 4, making 4p with 1p and 2p coins, shapes with 4 sides

and corners as well as number bonds for 4. We will then look at the numbers 5, 6 7 and 8 in a similar way.

Library Books

The children will be given a new library book each Monday. Try to read the book regularly to your child throughout the week. This broadens their vocabulary and develops their understanding of story structures.

Reading Books

The children have started to learn letter sounds using the 'Read Write Inc' phonics scheme. Some children have now been given phonic reading books. Please listen to your child read their phonic reading book each night, sign their diary and return both the diary and reading book to school each day. They will also bring home 'tricky words' to learn and will continue to be given phonic worksheets for homework. It is very important that you support your child in their learning by working with them at home as often as possible. Reading books will be sent home when your child is ready. Do not worry if you see another child with a reading book and your child does

not yet have one. If you have any concerns or questions please ask us at any time.

EExAT

We will send home photos and observations of your children's learning using EExAT online. All parents have been given a login for this. Please ensure you login regularly to see your child's work. This system is a fantastic way for us to share your child's learning. Please send comments back to us. We really welcome any photos and observations you make at home. These can easily be shared with us using EExAT and support our planning for your child in school.

Wow slips are also available each day. Please try to complete these as often as you can so we can celebrate and share your child's achievements or celebrations from home for example, having stabilisers taken off bike, first swimming badge or anything they have done to make you feel proud.

Targets

Individual reading, writing and maths targets have been set for each child and will be shared with parents/carers in the first 2 weeks of the 1/2 term.



Things to remember

Homework:

Given out: Friday

Due in: Monday

PE will be every Thursday morning. Please could your child bring a named PE kit in a school pump-bag. This can be taken home at the end of every half term. We cannot guarantee that kit which is not named will be returned if lost.

We are always available to talk about any concerns you have regarding your child. Please do not hesitate to ask. However, we will sometimes need to make an appointment to discuss any concerns after school in order to meet yours and your child's needs.

Forthcoming events:

We will be holding a phonics workshops on Tuesday 12th November at 8.45 am. The phonics workshop will provide you with information about how you can support your child with their reading and writing skills. Attendance at this meeting is strongly encouraged.

Christmas Nativity - Tuesday 17th December 9.15 am. All parents/carers welcome.