



Reception Newsletter

Autumn 2

November 2021

Hello and welcome to Reception Class!

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

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

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 'Lost and Found' and 'Not a stick.' We will be continuing to learn about autumn changes as well as the Hindu festival of Diwali and Bonfire Night and Christmas. We will also be learning about Polar environments and are looking forward to a Polar Explorers workshop. The children will be exploring these through the six learning areas of the Early Years Foundation Stage.

Mathematics

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 alongside additional work looking at shapes and measures.

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. Please return books and diaries to school each Monday to be changed. These can be placed in the box outside the reception door.

Reading Books

The children have started to learn letter sounds using the 'Read Write Inc' phonics scheme. Some children will be 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 weekly phonics and maths 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

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.

Dates to remember

Polar Explorers Workshop—
Thursday 25th November
EYFS Nativity—Monday 13th December

Christmas Jumper Day -
Friday 17th December

We will also be hosting a
EYFS Maths Challenge Morning
with lots of fun challenges
for you to complete with
your child in the classroom
—date to follow.



Things to remember

Homework:

Given out: Friday

Due in: Monday

PE will be every Wednesday morning. Please ensure your child comes to school in their P.E. Kit and black/burgundy jogging bottoms.

Please ensure all sweat-shirts/ cardigans are clearly named.

To help your child become more independent with their self care please can you make sure they can put on/take off their coats and sweatshirts by themselves. (including turning sleeves the correct way round and fastening zips and buttons)

We are always available to talk about any concerns you have regarding your child. Please do not hesitate to ask. It is usually better that you ring/speak to Ms Donaghy after school to discuss any concerns in order to meet yours and your child's needs.

Thank you for your continuous support. Ms Donaghy and Miss Taylor