

Reception Newsletter- Autumn 1



September - October 2025

Theme - Ourselves



We would like to welcome all our children to Reception. We are very excited about all the new children that have joined our school and we know all the children are looking forward to making lots of new friends. This half term we are going to be settling in and finding out what happens in Reception. Throughout this half term we will carry out lots of fun and exciting activities to find out about ourselves and our families. It would be fantastic if each child had a family photo to share with the class. These can be printed and given to the class teacher, sent by email or via Tapestry. This half term, all children will also start to learn letter sounds through Read Write inc Phonics and begin to write them.

This half term we are learning:

- The daily routine in Reception.
- About ourselves, our families, and our community.
- How to express our emotions and describe how we are feeling.
- How to draw and paint a picture of ourselves and our families.
- What our five senses are and how we use them.
- All about numbers 1-5 and how to count objects using 1:1 correspondence.
- How to recognise and write several letter sounds.
- To recognise simple 2D and 3D shapes.
- To recognise the shape of the United Kingdom on a map.

The children will:

- Become confident in using the classroom independently.
- Listen to a range of poems and stories.
- Find out what they are good at and why it is great to be them.
- Practise sitting on the carpet.
- Start their daily phonics sessions.
- Be encouraged to roleplay and use drama to tell stories.
- Practise drawing with detail.
- Develop new friendships.
- Become a member of Drawing Club.

How to help your child at home:

- Read lots of books with your child.
- Talk about school by looking at photos on Tapestry together.
- Talk about their local area, their address, and the city they live in.
- Count objects such as stairs, spoons, and stones.
- Identify numbers on buses, doors, or remote controls.
- Practise writing their first name.
- Identify shapes in the environment (e.g., circle, square, triangle and rectangle.)
- Make up and tell you a story using the pictures in a book.
- Look at photos of family and friends and talk about past times.

Things to remember:

Children in Reception will have a weekly outdoor learning session. Please can they bring in a pair of wellies with their name in. We do have a few spare if needed. We have a set of waterproof suits for each child to wear if it is wet but a waterproof coat in school is useful too. Please ensure all your child's belongings are labelled with their name.

All children will need their wellies on Thursdays and their PE kit on Wednesdays.

Please could all children bring a picture of their family to create a family portrait.

Thank you for all your support!

Remember to check out our class pages on our school website

www.clapgateprimaryschool.co.uk