

Reception Newsletter - Autumn 1

We would like to warmly welcome all our children to Reception. We are very excited to welcome all the new children who have joined our school, and we know that everyone is looking forward to making lots of new friends. This half term, we will be settling into Reception and finding out all about what happens in our new classroom. Throughout the half term, we will take part in lots of fun and exciting activities as we learn more about ourselves and our families. It would be fantastic if each child could bring in a family photo to share with the class. These can be printed and given to the class teacher, sent by email or shared via Tapestry. This half term, all children will also begin learning letter sounds through Read Write Inc. Phonics and start to practise writing them.



What we will be learning about:

- 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 a number of letter sounds.
- To recognise simple 2D and 3D shapes.
- To recognise the shape of the United Kingdom on a map.

Your child will

- Become confident in using the classroom independently.
- Find out what they are good at and why it is great to be them.
- Practise sitting on the carpet.
- Listen to a range of poems and stories.
- 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.

You can help at home by:

- 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.
- Practice 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.

Important Information

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.

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

Have a look at our brilliant website, where you will find other useful information and some examples of our beautiful work!

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