

Welcome to Reception!

We hope you and your children have had a great summer and are looking forward to a great year ahead.

Our topic for the half term is "All about me". Attached is a curriculum map and vocabulary list for this topic. This shows what we will be learning during the first half term at school. The children will always have access to the 7 areas of learning as part of our continuous provision. Providing you with the curriculum map gives you the opportunity to carry on related learning opportunities at home, making that vital link between home and school.

Phonics booklets

We will be starting daily phonics sessions where the children will start with learning the different letter sounds. We will teach them 4 letter sounds a week. A note of the sounds we are focusing on for the week will be on the notice boards outside.

On Monday 27th September, the children will take home a phonics booklet in their book bags. These are to use at home with your children. You can recap on the sounds we are learning at school and let your children show you what sounds they have learnt. Please keep these in your book bag as we may use them during the day.

Tricky words

On Monday 4th October we will be sending home a set of 'tricky words' for your child to learn at home with you. They will be in a small cellophane bag. When they can read all of them independently, please write us a note in their reading records and we will add some more words to their bag. Please keep these in their book bag as we will use them at school.

Clothing

Please make sure all your child's belongings are named. If they misplace their belongings we can find them much easier if they are named. All children need a PE kit as we will use it every week. Please make sure all items are named and any earrings are removed.

RB class - Tuesday

RTA - Thursday

RM class - Friday

As the weather becomes colder and wetter, please make sure your child brings a coat to school. We will be using our outdoor learning area throughout the day they will need to keep warm and dry whilst learning. Thank you!

Reading books

We will also be sending your child home with a reading book. These are selected by your child and changed daily. Please take a few minutes every day to read the book with your child. This is an opportunity for them to get used to turning the pages, making a story up from the pictures, and recognising letters and words they have learnt during phonics. We are not expecting all children to be reading these independently straight away! Praise them for finding the letters they know or using the pictures to come up with a story plot of their own. Your feedback is essential and we really appreciate your written comments in the reading record.

Handwriting

Many parents ask about handwriting formation. To help you understand how we teach letter formation in Reception we have put together a guide. Each letter will be introduced with a letter rhyme to help children remember how the letter is formed. We will put a copy in each child's book bag once we start teaching phonics.

We are looking forward to building a positive relationship between you and your family.

Reception Team