



Reception Class Newsletter

Autumn Term 1

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Welcome to Reception Class! We hope your child has enjoyed their first few days with us at school, we have all had lots of fun getting to know each other. We hope their start to school life will be fun and exciting, however if you do have any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to come and speak to us. Mrs McGlynn will be teaching the class on a Tuesday afternoon and all day on a Wednesday.

Kind regards

Mrs Strellis, Mrs McGlynn and Miss Gamwell

Curriculum Overview

Our two topic projects this term are called 'Let's Explore' and 'Autumn'. Our main project this term is called 'Let's Explore'. This project teaches children about the environments that they share with others, including their homes, school and places in the local community. Our mini topic is called 'Let's explore Autumn'. This project teaches children about the natural changes that happen during the season of autumn, including how the weather changes, why trees lose their leaves and how wild animals prepare for winter.

Phonics - We will begin phonics lessons in week 3. We use the Read Write Inc scheme and begin to learn single sounds.

Maths - We will be matching, sorting and comparing objects and numbers. We will be focusing on mastering the numbers 1 -5 this term.

RE - We will be focusing on the topic 'Myself' and learning about people who belong to a religious group.

Music - In our music lessons we will be learning to sing nursery rhymes and action songs.

PE - Our PE lesson is every Thursday at 9am, long hair needs to be tied up and earrings removed please.

Reading

Home readers - In a few weeks, children will begin to bring 'home reading' books home to read to a grown up at home. More information about this to follow shortly.

Library books - Every Friday Reception class will visit the school library. Children are allowed to take one book home to share with their grown-ups each week. We then expect the book to be returned on the following Friday to exchange for a new book.

Links with home

Thank you if you have filled in and returned your child's 'All About Me' booklet, we find it really useful in this first term and it helps us get to know your child and their interests. If you have not returned this, please do so as soon as possible. Please come and see us if you have misplaced your booklet.

Tapestry accounts - Hopefully you have all activated your accounts. We would really appreciate it you can fill in the 'About Me' page on your child's account over the next few weeks. Please upload photos and videos of things your child gets up to at home too!

General Notices

Behaviour system - In class we have discussed expected and unacceptable behaviour. Children are rewarded with team points for good behaviour in and around school and these contribute to our whole school team point totals. We also choose a star of the week each Friday in Reception Class.

Birthday- Your child can come in their own clothes on their birthday. If their birthday falls at the weekend or a school holiday, please choose the day closest to it.

Water bottles - Please only send plain water in these.

Labelling clothes- Please ensure that you have labelled all your child's belongings, including P.E. kit, school uniform, bags, bottles, coats and shoes.

Weather - In Reception class we go outside whatever the weather! Please bring a raincoat every day. Please apply sun cream to your child before school on hot days, your child can bring their own sun cream and reapply it themselves at lunchtime. The sun cream must be labelled.