



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.

Kind regards Mrs Strellis, Mrs McGlynn and Miss Gamwell

Curriculum Overview

Our two topic projects this term are called 'Let's Explore' and 'Build it up'.

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.

Supporting your child at home with this topic

- Use Google Earth to explore the locality.
- Go on a walk around your local community and talk about the things that you see.
- Encourage your child to talk about the activities they enjoy doing at school.

Our mini topic is called 'Build it up'. In the Build It Up project, your child will explore structures in the world around them. They will learn about materials and their properties and will have the chance to work independently and in groups to design and make marvellous structures.

Supporting your child at home with this topic

- Take a walk in the local area. Look at and talk about the buildings and other structures you see.
- Talk about the materials from which their house is made, such as brick, stone, or wood.
- Take a large cardboard box and see what you can create together.

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 - Our topic this half term is "Me". We will learn to sing nursery rhymes and action songs. We will begin to listen and respond to different styles of music.

PE - Our PE lesson is every Wednesday 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.

Tapestry accounts -Please upload photos and videos of things your child gets up to at home that they would like to share with the class in show and tell.

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.