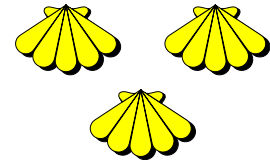


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Autumn 2024 Newsletter

Reception - Red Class

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to Reception! I hope you had a restful and relaxing summer holiday. I am so pleased to welcome you and your children to Reception. Here is a brief outline of the areas we will be covering this term:

Phonics and reading remain an essential part of the children's learning and it important at this stage that your child is encouraged to enjoy books. In Phonics, we will be following a scheme called 'Little Wandle'. This will consist of daily phonics sessions, which will build up weekly the letter sounds they will need to access the reading books that will be sent home. Once our initial phonic assessments are completed, the children will then bring home a 'Little Wandle' reading book. The children will also bring home a book from the library each week, that can be enjoyed at home for pleasure. The children's writing skills will also be developed through the 'Little Wandle' scheme and this term will be focusing on letter formation. There will be a meeting to give you more information about this very soon.

Our work in Reception is based around stories and topics that reflect the children's interest. Each half term, we will explore a different text and plan activities that are linked to the curriculum. Our curriculum map in on the school website and has a list of the books we use. We encourage families to share these books at home where possible and create discussion with your child around the story line, characters and vocabulary. The first topic we will focus on this half term, will be 'Knowing me, knowing you' which explores the children, their families and relationships. In the second half term, our topic will change to 'Sparkle and shine' which will focus on celebrations, special times and of course the Nativity. Through each topic we will assess the children and keep a record of their progress using observations. We will have a Parents evening in the future where I will discuss their progress and how they have settled into school.

In Maths the children will be looking at number recognition, subsidising, comparing and recognising patterns. This will help them to recognise numbers to 10, understand their value, describe, and be able to identify one more or one less. When looking at comparing, the children will look at objects by length/weight/mass and compare them using appropriate vocabulary. When focusing on patterns, the children will explore and identify regularities, sequencing and repetition that characterise patterns in maths.

Our PE lessons will be on a TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school and that all items are clearly labelled so that they can be easily returned if they go missing. **For health and safety reasons no earrings are permitted for PE activities.** They will need a tracksuit for the colder months.



We are also lucky enough to have a specialist music teacher in the school, Mrs Earl. She comes into class each week and the children enjoy singing a variety of songs as well as listening to a variety of different types of music.

Each half term we will set a task for the children to complete at home, evidence of the activity can be sent in and we can place it into the children's learning journals. For example, the activity for this half term will be to complete an Autumn Walk, looking at the difference in their environment, maybe collecting different coloured leaves and looking at the changes in the weather. We also try and encourage the children to complete the '50 Things Before I'm 5'.

Just a few reminders. All children will need to bring a water bottle into school each day. Please remember to fill this with water only in line with our Healthy School policy. The children will also be offered a piece of fruit or vegetable each day during snack time therefore there is no need to bring in a snack from home. They are encouraged to choose this themselves. Please can you provide your child with a set of wellies (which are clearly labelled). These will be used for wet play in the garden and welly walks around the school. Please also make sure they have a coat in school as we go out in all different types of weather. The school menu is on the website. Please discuss the days lunch choices with the children so they are confident at ordering their own food each morning when they come in. Please make sure everything is labelled especially cardigans and jumpers as they take these off regularly.

If you need any support or additional information at any time, please send an email to the main office to arrange an appointment.

Thank you for your support,
Mrs Pavett

