

Reception Autumn Term Newsletter, 2026

A warm welcome to all our children and families starting Reception this term! We have been very impressed with the fantastic start the children have made, how well they have started to settle in to school and how independent they are at finding their pegs and putting their belongings away. Well done to all the children! Our learning for the first couple of weeks focuses around settling in, getting to know their new environment and new routines. We will be finding where things are in the classroom, exploring new resources and starting to make new friends. The children will also start to become familiar with our free flow system, exploring our inside and outside learning spaces with growing independence. Please ensure all cardigans, jumpers, shoes, and lunchboxes are clearly labelled with your child's name. In a busy Reception class, items can easily get mixed up, and names help us return misplaced items to you promptly.

Within our Literacy learning this half term, we will be reading texts linked to our 'All about me' topic. The texts we will be exploring are; *The Colour Monster*, *The Everywhere Bear*, *Tree and Love makes a Family*. In writing, we will be working on writing our names, as well as the initial sounds we are learning, and giving meaning to the marks we make. In our reading we will be working on listening to short stories and commenting on what is happening, handling books appropriately and beginning to retell familiar stories with confidence. As part of our 'All about me' topic we will be recognising similarities between ourselves and others, discussing what makes us special through exploring their 'All about me' boxes, learning about our school and the area we live in, talking about our families and learning about people in our community who help us.



Thank you to everyone who has brought in a box so far—all look fantastic. If your child has not brought theirs in yet, please send it in over the next few weeks so they can talk and share information about themselves and their families, likes and dislikes and what makes them special. All items will be returned when we have finished the topic, usually by October half term.



After half term our topic will be transport. We will be looking at all types of transport now and in the past and exploring different ways of travelling. Linked to this topic some of the texts we will be exploring are; *Naughty Bus*, *Wheels on the Tuk, Tuk* and *Mr Gumpy's Motor car*.

You will find the knowledge organisers attached for our topic work and key learning in the EYFS subject "Understanding the world". The key vocabulary the children will be learning and using in lessons is listed on these knowledge organisers along with key facts and information. These are a really valuable resource to use when talking to your children about their learning.

In Phonics, we will be using our *Bug club* scheme to introduce the children to initial sounds, beginning with SATPIN. The children will learn how to say, identify and write these sounds and begin to read CVC words by blending the sounds together. Once they become more confident at blending we will send home reading books, which are closely linked to the sounds they are learning in class. Further information about how we deliver phonics will be given at our Phonics information session.





In our mathematics learning we will be reciting numbers in order and using number names in our play, recognising some significant numbers, such as our age, making pictures by arranging shapes in different ways and beginning to recognise 2-D shapes in our environment. We will also begin to order and sequence numbers and use language related to time such as now and next, morning and afternoon.

During PE lessons this term, our focus will be beginning to move around the space in



different ways, showing an awareness of others. Please note our PE day this term is a Monday. Please ensure that your child comes into school dressed in their PE on this day. They will stay in their PE kit all day, so there is no need to send their uniform in.



Every Tuesday afternoon the children will take part in outdoor learning activities in our woodland space. Pupils will still wear school uniform unless it is a MUFTI day but must be dressed appropriately to take part in outdoor activities. As the weather is changeable and outdoor afternoon is run in all seasons, please could you provide a pair of named welly boots and a water proof suit which will stay in school for the rest of the term.

We would like to inform you of some key dates. Firstly, we have a Phonics information meeting for parents on 23rd September. Timings will be confirmed via a separate communication. The aim of this meeting is to find out about a bit more about phonics and reading and how we deliver our phonics scheme. Another date to note is our parent's evenings on 13th and 15th October. This will be a chance to meet with us and find out how your child has settled into school.

We are really looking forward to the term ahead. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions regarding your child's learning or wellbeing.

Kind regards, Miss Brand and the rest of the Reception team.



Kindness



Respect



Curiosity



Resilience



Self-belief



Responsibility