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## Autumn 1:

Hello, we are Miss Parker and Mrs. Wright and we are the Reception class teachers. We offer a warm welcome to all children and parents joining Reception. We are delighted with how well the children are settling in and we look forward to an exciting and fun year ahead.

- Make sure your child's clothes including shoes and especially jumpers have their name in it. This will save us a lot of time. Thank you.
- Please ensure your child has a named coat, appropriate footwear and outdoor clothing in school each day due to our outdoor learning in Reception.
- Your child needs spare clothes (it doesn't have to be uniform) in school in case of a variety of accidents, for example drink spills. Please ensure these are named and in a bag.
- You may provide wellies with your child's name in them for outside play on rainy days.

Please listen to your child read each night and complete the home-school activity they will get on a Friday. Home-school books should be returned to school on Wednesdays. Reading books should be brought to school every day.

Home-school book – given out on a Friday and handed in on a Wednesday

PE takes place on a Friday

ICT takes place in groups throughout the week

Theme: This half term our big questions are "Who helps to keep me safe and healthy?" and "What happens in Autumn?".

### Personal, social and emotional development:

This half term we will be settling into our new class and getting to know our teachers. We will be making lots of new friends, learning the rules, the daily routine and learning to be independent by exploring the classroom both indoors and outdoors.

### Physical development:

We will be playing lots of games that encourage us to move around in lots of different ways confidently. We will be learning to throw and catch balls, how to hop and skip. We will be learning to ride a tricycle. We will play lots of games where we have to work together as a team.

### Communication and language:

This half term we will be learning the names of our new teachers and friends.

We will read and act out lots of new stories and learn lots of new vocabulary.

We will be learning to speak to one person, in small groups and in large groups.

We will be using our imagination a lot to imagine lots of different things. Maybe we will be a tiger wanting some tea or a Superhero for the day.

### Reading & Phonics:

We challenge your child to read their school reading book 3 times or more every week. Record every time you have heard your child in your child's reading record book. Every child who reads 3 times or more every week will receive a prize out of the prize box and a certificate. At the end of the half term those children who have consistently read 3 times or more will receive a reward.

We will be reading the stories The Tiger Who Came to Tea, Superworm and The Little Red Hen.

Each day the children take part in a 20 minutes phonic session in small groups working on the letter sounds from phase 2. Your child will be taught to blend sounds together to read words. This will be practised through reading activities in school and at home. Your child will be taught to hear the sounds in words and how to write the letters that represent the sounds.



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<p><b>Writing:</b> During our Literacy Sessions we will listen to a variety of different stories including The Tiger Who Came to Tea, Superworm, stories about starting school and books about different people in the community. We will be making marks in the provision areas writing lists, labels, character names and about our favourite parts of the stories.</p>	<p><b>Numbers:</b> Our maths learning will focus on number recognition, ordering numbers and beginning to find one more than and one fewer than numbers to 5.</p> <p>We will do this through daily counting and lots of practical, fun learning activities.</p>
<p><b>Shape, space and measure:</b></p> <p>We will be measuring and talking about size and learning our shape names.</p>	<p><b>Understanding the world:</b> During our afternoon sessions we will</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss and investigate the people who help us at home, people who help us at school and the different jobs people do in the community.</li> <li>• Find out about where fruit and vegetables come from.</li> <li>• Recognise and observe signs of Autumn</li> <li>• Use ICT to enhance their learning. Children to use the interactive whiteboard and the computer suite.</li> <li>• Recognise different technology and why it is used.</li> <li>• Construct with a purpose in mind using a variety of resources.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Expressive arts and design:</b> We will be learning to cut out with scissors, painting pictures, gluing and sticking. We will be weaving with paper and even try to sew with a special needle that will not hurt us. We will be learning new skills in the playdough and other fun, messy things.</p>	<p><b>VIPS:</b> VIP sessions will not be taking place this half term due to the restrictions in place due to Covid 19. When it is possible to do so we will invite you into school. This will give you the opportunity to look at your child's work and discuss any concerns you may have.</p> <p>Please feel free to ask us any questions that you may have at the end of the school day and we will help you the best we can.</p>
<p><b>Dates for the diary:</b>  <b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September- School opens, (3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Half day transition days for Reception classes)</b>  <b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September – All Reception children start full time 8:50am – 3:15pm</b>  <b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October - School closes for the half term holiday</b>  <b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November - School opens</b>  <b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December – End of term</b></p>	