

Reception



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Autumn 1:

Hello, We are Miss Price and Mrs Wright and we are the Reception class teachers. Our teaching assistants in Reception are Miss Ruby, Miss Imran and Miss Akhtar. 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 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.
- Please provide wellies and pumps or trainers with your child's name in them. These will be kept in school for rainy days and PE.

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 and either a Tuesday or Wednesday morning.

Theme: This half term our big questions are "What is special about me?" 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, including climbing on our climbing frame. We will be learning to throw and catch balls, how to hop and skip. We will be learning to ride a tricycle.
We will learn how to line up and use cutlery at lunchtimes and make sure we understand about personal hygiene.

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 squirrel looking for acorns.

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 read, please sign 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.

We will be reading the stories 'Hello Friends' and 'Leaf Thief'

Each day the children take part in a 20-minute phonic session in small groups working on the letter sounds from Read, Write, Ink set 1. 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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Writing:

During our Literacy Sessions we will listen to a variety of different stories and compose sentences about them. We will be making marks in the provision areas writing lists, labels, character names and about our favourite parts of the stories. We will learn how to write the letters that correspond to the sounds we hear in our daily phonics lessons.

Numbers:

Our maths learning will focus on learning number rhymes, rote counting, matching and sorting and comparing quantities.

We will do this through daily counting and lots of practical, fun learning activities.

Shape, space and measure:

We will learn our class timetable and time vocabulary we will use in our daily routine such as morning, afternoon, lunchtime. We will be making comparison of size mass and capacity and looking at and making patterns.

Understanding the world:

Our topic will cover

- What I look like? Where I live? My family and friends.
- Looking at similarities and differences between families and friends.
- Recognise and observe signs of Autumn.
- Finding out about plants and animals in Autumn
- Find out about harvest fruits and vegetables and what is healthy.

Expressive arts and design:

We will be looking at and drawing features on faces. We will draw people with arms and legs and think about how we use colour.

We will learn how to use scissors correctly and how to glue to make collages of faces and people.

We will mix colours to make autumn colours and create pictures with natural materials.

Parent Meetings:

This year we hope to be able to hold meetings in school to talk about how to help your child at home. These will include support in listening to your child read and our expectations for your children so you can encourage them at home and understand their work in school. We will send you an invite to these sessions.

Dates for the diary:

2nd September- School opens

21st October- School closes for the half term holiday

1st November- School opens for Autumn 2