

Reception



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Autumn 1:

Hello, We are Miss Cooper and Mrs Wright and we are the Reception class teachers. Our teaching assistants in Reception are Miss Steadman, Mrs Akbar and Mrs Imran. 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. Unnamed jumpers are often lost. 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 a water bottle with your child's name on containing water only. These will be on a shelf that your child can access easily throughout the day.
- Please log into Dojo and help your child complete activities set on here and it is a great way for you to find out about what your child is doing in school
- Please support your child to complete the home-school activity they will get on a Friday. Home-school books should be returned to school on Wednesdays. Book bags 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 Tuesday RW and Wednesday RC morning. (We will inform you when a PE kit is needed in plenty of time.)

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 balance bike or scooter. 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 will be reading the stories 'Hello Friends', 'We are family' and 'Leaf Thief'

Each day the children take part in a 20 minutes phonic session in small groups working on the letter sounds from Set 1 in Read, Write, Ink. 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.

Your child will begin their phonics lessons after a short settling in time. As they learn each sound a video will be posted on Dojo. Please watch this with your child and support them to practise saying the sound and forming the letter correctly as shown in the video. Thank you.

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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, subitising, 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 term we will have a parents evening where we can discuss how well your child has settled into Reception and how you can support them at home.

If you missed the welcome talk at the end of last year please talk to use after the children have gone home and we will fill you in on the important information you need.

Dates for the diary:

4th September- School opens

27th September and 3rd October - Training for parents to keep your child safe online.

29th September - Macmillan Coffee Morning. Children can come to school wearing green for a small donation.

20th October- School closes for the half term holiday

30th October- School opens for Autumn 2