

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children all seem to be settling into the Foundation Stage Reception class and we hope you are also finding your feet! Our topic is called All About Me and as it suggests we will be sharing knowledge of ourselves and learning about each other. We are focusing on aspects such as family, homes, languages, favourite things, growing and achievements. We would like the children to bring in a baby photo of themselves next week and perhaps a family picture if you have one handy. The pictures will be used for discussion work and will be displayed on a topic wall.

To celebrate harvest time we will be making and tasting bread. In art we are exploring collage, printing and junk modelling and in music we will focus on exploring different ways to make sounds with instruments. We will also be introducing the children to wood working skills so they can hammer, saw and build their own creations. Our Forest School curriculum will begin next term so we'll tell you more about that closer to the time.

A meeting for reception parents & carers is scheduled for Mon. 25th Sept. 2.20-3.00pm in the nursery base where Mrs Tillotson will talk about the curriculum & how parents can support the children.

As a reminder, please send your child with their bookbag, water bottle and a coat daily. The office need to have the admission forms returned please and the class questionnaires and information page can be returned to Mrs. Tillotson.

Thank you.

Donations

Donations of tissues, flour, salt, food colouring, baby bath and washing up liquid are all always very much needed and appreciated.

Reception Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 2017

All About Me

Dates to Remember

Reception Curriculum Meeting - 25th Sept.
2.20-3.00
Harvest Celebration - 27th Sept.
International Evening - 10th October

Physical Development

The children have access to the outdoors daily so please remember to provide suitable clothing to cater for our changeable weather! For safety, please remember that jewellery like necklaces & bracelets should be left at home. If earrings are worn then they must be studs only and removed for PE on Fridays.

The Reception PE lessons

PE kits include shorts, a t-shirt and trainers or plimsolls. Please make sure clothing is labelled. No long sleeves or leggings please.

It's very helpful if the children can practise their independence when dressing so please provide clothing and shoes they can get on and off easily. Laces can be a bit tricky so please save these for home!

Please use a draw string bag for PE kits as backpacks are too big for the pegs. Bags are available to purchase from the office.

Mathematics

- The children will be focusing on many aspects of number such as sorting, counting groups of objects, recognising numbers and ordering them.
- Simple addition and subtraction ideas using objects and mental counting on 1 more & 1 less.
- Learning terms to describe size like big, small, enormous, tiny, smaller and larger and order items by size.
- Explore shape and pattern and go on a detective walk around the school looking for items in the environment around us. We will explore the features and develop descriptive vocabulary.

Communication, Language and Literacy

- The children will be learning about and practising story telling language, repetitive phrases and the sequence of events in stories.
- Big talk will start after the half term and will vary each week. It helps the children to learn new vocabulary, develop personal opinions and listen to the ideas of others. I will explain this further at the curriculum meeting.
- The reception groups will begin to have daily phonics lessons which focus on listening skills, making rhyming strings and learning individual sounds and linking them to words.
- The children will also have lots of opportunities for role-play and to develop their pencil control and reading skills.
- Once the assessments for reading are complete the children will gradually begin to bring scheme books home. We will tell you when this happens for your child.