

Reception Class Newsletter



Welcome to Reception Class. We hope that you had a great summer and are ready for an exciting year ahead!

Topics:

In the first half term our topic will be 'Marvelous Me'. Children will take part in activities that will help us to get to know each other better. We will be thinking about ourselves, our bodies and senses, being fit and healthy, families and homes and the things that we like and dislike. When we return after the half term holiday we will be reflecting on and learning about different celebrations and religious festivals. This will lead us up to the excitingly busy time of Christmas.

Key Worker:

Throughout this year your child will have a key worker. This will be either myself as class teacher or Mrs Crossman as teaching assistant. You will be informed who your child's key person is shortly. Each day there will be key person time in which your child will take part in activities in a smaller group with their key person.

PE:

Until Christmas our PE sessions will take place on Wednesday mornings. Mrs Crew will be coming in to do gymnastics with us. Our first session is next Wednesday. Please ensure that all PE kits are in school and that your child's name is on every item. It is extremely important that children learn to dress and undress themselves. Please encourage your child to do this each morning and evening as they will become more independent in dressing themselves for school. Please also include spare underwear in PE bags in case of emergencies!



Water Bottles:

We ask that your child brings in a water bottle to drink from each day. This should contain unflavoured still water only and should have their name on. The bottle should be a sports cap bottle that the children can easily open and close. Your child will be able to drink from this throughout the day.



School Wallets:

I am aware that many children have a school wallet. If your child does not yet have one please get one as soon as possible. These are necessary to hold useful information sheets, newsletters and children's work. We cannot accommodate other bags due to the restriction of space in the cloakroom. These wallets can be purchased from the school office.

Home Time:

When collecting your child please wait on the playground just outside of our garden area. If there is a change as to who is collecting your child please let the school know. Your child will not be able to leave if we have not been informed. I will be stood by the gate ensuring that children go to whoever is collecting them. If you would like to speak to myself or Mrs Crossman, please do not hesitate to do. We ask that you wait until all children have been collected so that all our attention can be on children who haven't yet been collected. Thank you.



Practising at home:

Your child will learn lots of new things and will acquire new skills at school. It would be useful to practice some of the following with your child at home.

- counting forwards and backwards
- recognising numbers
- recognising letters and knowing the sounds that they make
- number and letter formation
- writing their name
- getting dressed and undressed independently
- using a knife and fork.

Your child will also bring home a reading book every evening. They will read their book at school twice a week and it will be changed if read confidently. Homework will be sent home on a Friday and you will be asked to return it on Wednesday the following week. Homework and reading books will not be sent home until the end of September. More information to follow.

Learning Journeys:

We will be creating a learning journey for your child that will record their achievements throughout the year. This special book will consist of many photographs of your child, observations and pieces of their own work. We hope that you will add to their special book too. We will regularly send home 'Proud Clouds'. You can make note of something that your child has done that has made you proud. This could be a comment that they have made or learning that they have demonstrated at home. If your child had a learning journey at their nursery please send it into school for us to look at. These will help us get to know your child better and see what they have already achieved. These will be returned to you.

Weather:

Please ensure that you send your child to school prepared for the weather. Although it may look warm outside, the weather can soon turn bitter and in we reception we like to spend lots of time learning outdoors as well as indoors.

Reception Class Staff:

Miss White- Class Teacher
Mrs Crossman- Class Teaching Assistant
Mrs Brown- Teacher covering Miss White on one afternoon per week
Mrs Alcock- Teaching Assistant one afternoon per week
Mrs Eastham- Parent helper
Mrs Khan- Lunch time supervisor
Haleemah- College student two days a week

We are all very excited the year ahead. If you have any concerns or would like to discuss anything further, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Thank you.

Miss White ☺

