

Reception Class Autumn Newsletter

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

Here are some important things for you to know.



PE:

Until Christmas our PE session will take place on a Wednesday morning. 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. Your child does not require pumps for gymnastics. It is extremely important that your child can dress and undress themselves. Please encourage your child to do this each morning and evening as this will make them more independent. Of course if your child is struggling we will always help. Please also send spare underwear into school in case of emergencies. These will be kept in your child's PE bag.

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 your child's name on. The bottle should be a sports cap bottle that your child can easily open. Your child can drink from throughout the day.



Arriving at school:

The school gate opens at 8:30am and our class doors open at 8:45am. Children must arrive before 8:55am to avoid receiving a late mark.



School Wallets:

If your child does not yet have a blue school wallet, 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 on space in the cloakroom. These wallets can be purchased from the school office. Thank you.



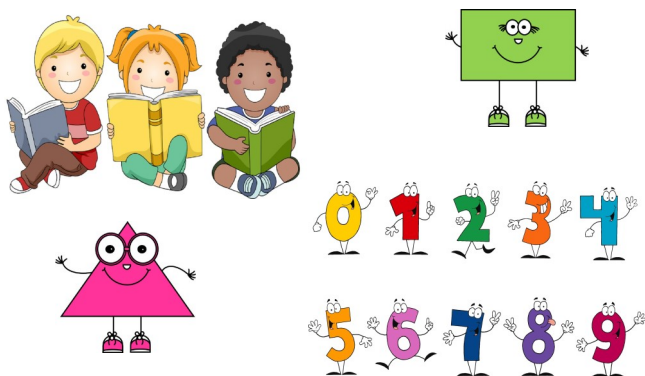
Home Time:

When collecting your child please wait on the playground just outside of the 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 of any changes. I will bring the children to the gate and dismiss them to you directly on the playground. This may take a while at the beginning of the year but please bare with us. If you would like to speak to myself or one of our staff members, please do not hesitate to do so. We are always happy to talk. However, please wait until all children have been collected so that all of our attention can be on them. Thank you in advance.



Reading Books:

Towards the end of September your child will bring home their first reading scheme book. Your child will read this book to adult in school once a week. You will be informed which day your child will read to an adult but please return the book and reading record to school each day. Your child's book will be changed once a week. We suggest that your child reads every night. This could be your child's reading scheme book or another. I'm sure you'll look forward to sharing these books with your child. More information about your child's reading scheme book will be sent home soon.



Practising skills at home:

Your child will learn lots of new things and will acquire new skills at school. It would be useful if you could practise some of the following at home:

Independently dressing and undressing, using a knife and fork, using the toilet and washing hands independently, putting on and taking off a coat, holding a pencil correctly and beginning to make marks with good control, name writing, counting objects and saying one number name for each object and number recognition.

As your child learns new things I will inform you of other activities you can do at home to support your child's learning. Resources to support reading, writing and maths learning will be sent home as and when.



Homework:

On Fridays your child will take home a task to complete. These tasks will allow your child to demonstrate their skills, communicate their understanding, learn new things and use their imagination. I ask that homework tasks are returned to school on Wednesday mornings. Thank you.

Weather:

Please ensure that you send your child to school prepared for the weather. Coats should be brought to school every day.



Reception Class Staff:

Miss White- Class Teacher

Mrs Brown- Teacher covering Miss White one afternoon per week

Mrs Crossman- Class Teaching Assistant in mornings and two afternoons

Mrs Dehgamia- Class Teaching Assistant in mornings and two afternoons

Mrs Hilliard- Class Teaching Assistant three afternoons

Mrs Ismail and Miss Conway- 1-1 support assistants

Mrs Hussain: Lunch time Supervisor

A college student will also be in classroom two days a week.

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

Miss White :)