



# Reception Newsletter



Autumn 2018

## Welcome to Reception!

Many children have settled well and are beginning to adjust to new routines and expectations. There are lots of smiles on faces and many new friends.

### Literacy

We are about to start the Jolly Phonics programme which will support the children with linking each letter to a sound. They will receive a homework sheet which will be to practise writing these sounds. We would like this returned the next day. Please encourage your child to share the sounds that they have learnt in class with you and talk about words that begin or have that sound in them. Later in the term, they will each have a little green word book containing simple common words and tricky words to practice reading at home. We will also be learning about rhyming by reading rhyming books and singing rhyming songs.

### Maths

We will be doing lots of counting activities where they will be learning to count with greater accuracy. We will also be exploring pattern and shape.

### Topics

We will be thinking about ourselves, our bodies and how they work.

## Book Bags

If you haven't already, please purchase a school book bag and ensure it is brought to school everyday. On Tuesdays we will be going to the library and your child will only be allowed to borrow a library book if they have a book bag. All children will be given a laminated sound and tricky word chart. Keep this chart safe as it will be used all year. We will work on the tricky words and common words throughout the year and these will be sent home each Friday to practice.

## Staffing

Rehena will be working with us every day and Jacqueline will come in when Miss Warne is working outside the class on planning and preparation. Chris will also be in the classroom from Monday-Thursday and Frani on Fridays.

## Family Friday

Once the children are settled, we will begin our Family Fridays, during which parents can come and join in with the learning until about 9:30. We will send a letter out in a few weeks.

## Class Kitty

We are asking parents for a donation of £1 a week. This helps us pay for activity resources e.g. play dough, cooking etc.

## Thank you

## Curriculum

Attached to the back of this letter is the half term plan which outlines the areas of learning we will be addressing throughout the half-term and below is a timetable showing what your child will need to bring into school:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	
Activities in school		Library	PE		Reading folder sent out
Your child will need	Book bag	Book bag Return completed homework Library book returned	Book bag Return completed homework PE kit : t-shirt & shorts or leggings	Book bag Return completed homework Return reading pack and word book	Book bag Return completed Homework



## How to help at home:

Autumn is on it's way. Explore and collect leaves, conkers and acorns. You can bring them to school to share with your class.

Recite numbers to 10.

Count objects and make sure your child says one number name for each object they touch.

Sing rhymes and songs and think about the words that sound that same.

Make up your own silly rhymes!

## We need your junk!

Please send in empty boxes, yogurt pots and lids or any unwanted wool; ribbons; wrapping paper for the children to use in the making area.

We would also appreciate any unwanted wood or logs that we can use for woodwork.