



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

Every Tuesday 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. Please make sure you bring in your child's book bag everyday.

Staffing

Chantelle will be working with us every day and Jacqueline will come in when I am working outside the class on planning and preparation work.

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	Friday
Activities in school			Library		P.E Reading folder sent out
Your child will need	Book bag	Book bag Return completed homework	Book bag Return completed homework Library book returned	Book bag Return completed homework Return reading pack and word book	Book bag Return completed Homework P.E kit: t-shirt and shorts/ leggings



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.