

Welcome to Reception

The children have settled into Reception well and seem to be enjoying their first week.

This half term they will learn a variety of skills linked to their language, communication and literacy development. They will need to listen carefully to others to join in discussions. They will be given letter sounds to practise at home, please use the letter sound for each letter not the name (if you need guidance just come and ask). Once the children have grasped some letter sounds they will begin to read words and books regularly at home and at school. This is the year they become readers, it is amazing! They will also become writers; for such little people they do such grown up things! They will start writing their names on every piece of work they do. For handwriting we follow the Nelson script, this can be found in your child's pathway book.

For their mathematical development we will still focus on numbers up to 10 and look at the language of 1 more and 1 less than. We will talk about size using the correct language and compare different sizes. We will use a variety of 2D and 3D shapes in our activities.

The children will use simple programmes on the computer and use the smart board too.

From week three the children will be taking part in weekly Debutots sessions on a Tuesday morning. This is where they will bring stories to life through drama. The children will listen to a different story each week, discuss it then become the characters and act out the story through retell. It will be a great deal of fun alongside a vast amount of learning.

The theme in the classroom this half term is 'Me, Myself and I'. The children will be bringing home an All About Me bag to fill (instructions are on the bag). We will follow activities based on their bodies and how they have changed since they were babies. Our role play area will be a baby clinic where the children can use their imagination and act out certain roles together. We will look at family trees, different feelings and what makes them feel that way, how we are similar and different to each other. Discussing where they live and memories of things they have done or places they have been.

If I need anything brought into school I will write it on a notice board and hang it on the fence at pick up time. If you see it hanging there then please read it, thank you.

As you know pupils have an afternoon allocated within the first two weeks. If you are not sure of that date then please ask.

Could you please label their water bottles regularly with a permanent marker and bring it in each day so your child is able to have a drink throughout the day. The children are able to refill them with cool fresh water from our water machine. **Please do not put water bottles in bags as they can leak.**

If you have any queries at all then please do not hesitate to ask. Another year and another group of children who we are very excited to be working with; children and parents alike.

Mrs C A Parker Mrs J Aydeniz Mrs J Fryer Mrs C Foster Mrs A McNab Mrs C McGeary