

Reception News

Autumn Term 2017

Welcome to Reception! The children have been settling in really well and are starting to learn new routines and expectations. Please continue to support your child's independence by allowing them to come into the classroom on their own when they are feeling confident.

Independence & attendance

We have been very excited to meet and start to get to know your lovely children. One of the key aspects we will be focussing on this term is developing your child's confidence and independence such as in the mornings and in the classroom e.g. hanging their own clothes on their pegs and choosing and caring for resources. We will also be focussing on their personal and social skills such as taking turns, making friends and looking after our classroom.

School starts at **8:55am**. We will be opening our doors at **8:50am** (5 minutes earlier than the rest of the school!) so please drop your Reception child off first before any older siblings. We have been very impressed at children's (and parents'!) punctuality; it really helps your child to settle into the classroom environment quickly.

Your child's good attendance at school is essential for their learning and progress.

Our outdoor area

Please make sure your children do not play with or use the equipment before school, as they need to be ready for our learning during the school day. The children work very hard to tidy up at the end of the school day too—please ensure your children do not use any equipment when you come to pick up!

Topics

This term, the children will be learning four exciting stories. We try to link all our areas of learning to their current story.

- We're Going on a Bear Hunt
- The Little Red Hen
- The Hungry Caterpillar
- Jesus' Christmas Party

We will also be having lots of exciting local visits to link to our stories.

Every week, we send home ideas for activities that your child can do at home to continue their learning.

Homework

Your child may need support from you or complete them independently. Homework will be sent home on a **Friday** to be returned the following **Friday**.

- Read with your child **everyday**.
- Visit our class page on the school website for links to online games and activities.

Remember to tell us about your child's home learning on the WOW moments slips (kept in the cloakroom)!

School is exhausting! So your child will probably feel very tired when they come home from school, and may not be very chatty! Please come and talk to us if you want to hear more about their day or have had any worries or concerns.



The Reception PE Days for this half term are:
RSR: Friday (indoor) RSH : Wednesday (indoor)
Please leave your child's **named** P.E kit in school. We will send them home at the end of half-term. **This half term your child will need shorts and a t-shirt for PE and plimsolls/trainers.**

Forest learning

Forest learning will be starting later in the term! Please be prepared by making sure your child has welly boots and warm clothing in school. During the cold weather children will need scarves, hats, gloves, warm thick socks, an extra jumper or fleece and a coat. We provide waterproof trousers and jackets.

RSH– Monday and RSR– Tuesday



Important Dates

Red Hen workshop (led by family workers)- 26th September 9-10am

School photos– 29th September

Phonics workshop for parents– 8th Oct at 9am

Parent consultations– 12th Oct and 17th Oct

Keep an eye out in book bags for other dates!