



# Barford St Peter's C. of E. (VA) Primary School

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Welcome! I hope you have all had a great holiday and are looking forward to your child's first term in Reception. In their first week at school the children have come in very confidently and settled into their new routines very well. Each half term you will receive a curriculum letter to give you a brief outline of what your child will be working on. This half term, as well as the activities planned from the children's own learning and interests we will be learning about.....

## Barford and Beyond

We will be thinking about our own homes, our new school and the village of Barford. We will look at the school building and buildings in the village including the church. We will also be celebrating Harvest.



**In Reception activities are of a cross-curricular nature. This half term's activities will include.....** activities to help your child settle in and learn all the new routines at school (especially lunchtime!) and get to know all their new friends and staff at school. A role play home corner, a variety of cooking and tasting activities linked to our harvest celebrations, painting portraits of ourselves and printing using vegetables and fruit.



In Reception the children have a daily phonics session practicing all single letter sounds and blends (using Jolly Phonics) and how to blend and segment words. Children will be given lots of opportunities to take part in early reading and writing activities.

We will also have a daily counting activity. We will be counting to 20 and beyond and play number recognition and counting games. We will also be counting different objects to practice 1-1 correspondence to ensure accurate counting. **I look forward to seeing you at our reading and numeracy meeting on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 6.00pm when I will be able to tell you more about both literacy and numeracy and how you can help at home.**

**At home.....**Please talk to your children about themselves and their friends and what they are doing at school. Help them to become as independent as possible when eating and dressing and using the toilet!

**We would be very grateful for the following.....** please put a change of underwear and socks or tights in your child's PE bag in case of accidents. We would like each child to have a pair of wellingtons in school so that we can go outside even when it is wet.

I look forward to working with you and your child in the coming months. If you have any queries please do come in and ask.

Madeleine Garner