



# RECEPTION NEWSLETTER



## Autumn Term

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to all of our new Reception children and parents, and welcome back to those who attended our Nursery last year.

I hope you had a lovely Summer break and are ready for the exciting year ahead!

I enjoyed meeting your children before the Summer holiday and am looking forward to getting to know them more in the coming weeks.

We will spend the first few weeks settling into school routines. In Reception, we focus on learning through lots of play-based practical activities that link to the children's own individual interests and experiences.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your support,  
Miss S. Clarke



### Phonics and English

In Reception we will be working on our sounds (phonics) every day. Short phonics sessions will involve activities that practice identifying sounds, segmenting and blending sounds in simple cvc words and developing letter formation.

In English lessons, we will read lots of stories and talk about the characters, settings and events. We will be practicing writing our names, encouraging mark making and using letters to represent sounds.



### Maths

Maths work will involve daily counting and recognising and forming numerals to 20.

We will focus on counting out objects from a larger group by saying one number name for each object.

We will also begin to use vocabulary related to shape and measures.



### Topic

To start the term, our topic will be 'Ourselves.' This theme will underpin all of our learning; such as naming the parts of our bodies, and exploring movement, our senses, staying healthy and recognising similarities and differences between our hair and eye colours and skin tones.



### PE

PE will be on a Thursday afternoon.

Please ensure your child's PE kit is in school for this. Reception children should bring a named PE kit consisting of shorts and a white T-shirt, in a named bag.

### Homework



Homework will be sent weekly. This will focus on letter and number formation. Children will also receive a reading book and yellow reading diary. We will begin by sending picture books to encourage children to talk about the images and tell a story.

As we progress, books containing simple words will be sent home to practice. Please ensure your child's reading book is brought to school every day as they will be listened to in school.

### Fruit and Milk

Reception children are provided with fruit as a daily snack by the school. Children are entitled to free milk until the age of 5.

We also encourage children to bring in a named water bottle in to school which they will have access to throughout the day.

