








Reception Parent Newsletter Autumn 1





Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

Welcome to Reception!

We hope you and your child are excited about starting this academic year and that this newsletter gives you an understanding as to what your child will be learning this term. You will also find some useful links or activities that you may want to look at or complete with your child.

Each year group is busily arranging a parent workshop for the Autumn term. Dates regarding these will be shared shortly with you. We hope you can attend! If you do have any questions, please do not hesitate to come and speak with us.

Area	Theme	
Project: Understanding the World	Me and My Community This project supports children with settling into the new rules and routines of school and encourages them to make new friends and feel confident in their class. It teaches children about being helpful, kind and thoughtful at home and at school. This project also teaches children how they are unique and special, the importance of friendship and how people in their family, school and local community are important and can help them.	
Literacy	Our theme for this half term is 'Marvellous Me'. We will be reading a variety of texts such as Once there were giants, Lost and Found, All families are special, The great big book of families, Cleversticks, Mixed, and Handful of Buttons. To begin with we will focus on name writing and letter formation.	
Phonics	As a school we follow the Little Wandle Letters and Sounds scheme. Children will start by learning the Phase 2 graphemes. You will be invited into school to learn more about the Little Wandle Scheme and how we teach it.	
Reading	Your child will shortly be coming home with a reading book. Please support and encourage them to read this at home.	
Mathematics	Quantities and Number value We will explore 'how many' with careful counting, comparing quantities and subitising - looking at a small number of objects and instantly recognising how many objects there are without needing to count.	

<p>Physical Development</p>	<p>PE will be on a Thursday On this day, your child will need to come into school in suitable PE Kit. (see below). PE will be taught by our fantastic Sports Coaches. This term:- K classes will have Miss Keeton (Harriet) H classes will have Mr Wyatt (James) P classes will have Miss Freeman (Imogen)</p> <p>The focus will be;- K class - Dance H class - Ball Skills P class - Gymnastics</p>	
<p>Personal, Social and Emotional Development</p>	<p>To begin our Reception year, we will be settling into our new environment, learning routines, making friends and exploring emotions through a range of texts and activities.</p>	
<p>Expressive Arts and Design</p>	<p>We will be creating a Marvellous Me Board, using photographs, paintings and drawings to discuss our likes, dislikes, similarities and differences. We will be painting self-portraits, looking at the features of our faces.</p>	
<p>Suggested reading list</p>	<p>Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers Cleversticks by Bernard Ashley Mixed by Arree Chung Handful of Buttons Carmen Parets Luque The Colour Monster by Anna Llenas Starting School by Janet and Allen Alberg The Wolf Who Wouldn't Go to School (Whiffy Wilson) by Caryl Hart</p>	

Other information

Photographs

On the **week beginning 19th September**, please send your child in with a couple of photographs of them with the people, places and activities that they love. These will be used to create our Marvellous Me Boards.

Something Special

As part of our Marvellous Me topic, we would like the children to bring in something that is special to them to share with the class during story time across the **week beginning 26th September**.

PE Kit

For safety reasons, it is essential your child comes to school in correct and safe PE kit.

Plain T-Shirt

Shorts, tracksuit trousers or leggings

Trainers (not pumps)



Your child may wear a tracksuit/jogging bottoms over their PE kit if they wish.

This term Reception PE will be every Thursday.

Supporting your child at home

Read, read, then read some more! Research show that reading regularly is the best homework you can do. If your child brings a reading book home, please support them to read it- even. Better, spend 10 minutes a day reading with them.



Supporting with Project work

- Look at family photographs together and discuss who is part of your family and extended family.
- Look at baby photographs and talk about how they have grown.
- Look at any childhood photographs of parents and grandparents.
- Talk about the things you like to do together and places you like to go.
- Share and discuss the [Did you know?](#) resource