Information for the Autumn Term 2024



Welcome to Reception

Here are some snippets of information to let you know about the things we will be doing this term in our class.

Mathematics	Match, sort and compare; talk about measures and patterns; explore the numbers 1,2,3,4 and 5; circles and triangles, and shapes with 4 sides.
Literacy	Introduction to phonics and handwriting; listening to, sharing and discussing lots of high quality stories; learning to form letters correctly and developing a suitable pencil grip.
Understanding the world	Exploring the natural world and how it changes, and comparing different environments. Through stories, videos and photos, learning about people, culture and communities within the UK and worldwide. Sharing information about people in their immediate family. Talking about past and present so children develop their understanding of the passing of time.
Expressive arts & design	Performing songs and moving in time to the music. Experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function.
Personal, Social & Emotional Development	Learning about ourselves, self-regulation and building relationships.
Physical development	EYFS children are continually active at this stage of the year, so we have no formal PE sessions, but plan activities to support their physical development.

Reading

Your child will take home three books: a Big Cat decodable book (they should be able to read the majority of this by sight), a book of their choice, and a library book.

Reading books will be changed after the children have finished their 3rd reading session in school. Their old book will be replaced with the one they have just read with us.

Please make sure library books are returned on a Thursday as this is when they are changed. Books will only be renewed when the last one is returned to school.

Maths

There are lots of maths activities your child could do with you. They could be practising their counting skills when you are out and about, for example counting the number of blue cars or how many dogs you see on a walk. Children also need to know how to make numbers to 5, so you could play games involving addition to 5.

Change of clothes

Please send spare clothes in your child's bag in case they decide to play with the water outside or have an accident. If you can provide some waterproofs for your child to wear on wetter days this would be gratefully received as we try to go outside in all weathers.

PE

At this stage of the year, we do not teach formal PE lessons as children are active all the time and it is planned into their everyday learning. They do not need PE kits yet.

Weather

Please keep an eye on the forecast. If it looks like it is going to be hot, please apply suncream at home and send your child with a sun hat. For the cooler, wetter weather, please provide warmer wet weather clothes.

Diary Dates

16th Sept – individual photos for pupils
17th Sept – Reception height & weight check
18th Sept @ 2.30pm – early reading & phonics meeting
2nd Oct 9-10am – Listen, Learn, Explore: spend time in class with your child.
23rd Oct 3.30-4.30pm – open classroom
24th Oct. – Reception assembly for parents
W/b 4th November – Parent consultations – more information to follow.

Water Bottles

Please make sure your child has a **named** water bottle in class every day. Keeping hydrated has been shown to be beneficial for health and wellbeing. **Please no squash - just water.**

If you have any questions, please send me a message on Class Dojo or speak to one of us after school.

We thank you for your support.