

Autumn Term



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome! It has been lovely getting to know your child and seeing them settle over the last two weeks. If they have still not yet fully settled just to reassure you they will! Over the past two weeks we have been focusing on setting expectations and developing routines as well as each child partaking in individual assessments to see where they are in order to plan and support future teaching.

Here is some information about how Reception works. Each half term we have a focus topic. I will upload our knowledge organiser to our class webpage on the school website with relevant information at the start of each half term, so please keep an eye out for this. Each week we have a focus story and nursery rhyme which is linked to our topic. In Reception our inside and our outside classroom is set up so children have access to all seven areas of learning and can access these as they wish during busy time.

Each week your child will engage in daily Phonics and Maths along with weekly RE, Literacy, PSHE and PE. Each week your child will complete work in small groups with an adult. You will receive 'weekly news' via tapestry which will inform you of what your child has been learning that week. You will also receive updates on your child's learning and next steps. Please like and comment- this is greatly appreciated!

This half term our topic is 'Myself'. We will be exploring and celebrating all the great things about your child; their likes, their dislikes, their families and their traditions. As well as learning about our bodies and how to be healthy. We will also be learning about our feelings and emotions and how to express them in a healthy way.

During this half term I will start sending home a weekly reading book along with your child reading journal. I cannot stress the importance of listening to your child read. The expectations is 4-5 times a week. Please date and write a small comment on how your child got on reading that day. The more your child practices their segmenting and blending skills the more confident readers they will become.

Next half term our topic is 'Hello Winter'. During the topic we will be learning all about what happens in winter- the weather and the animals. As well as taking part in lots of fun practical winter themes activities!

During this half term we will have our early years Nativity! Which is such an exciting time! We will be practicing the songs in school and if your child has lines to say these will be sent home to practice- we really appreciate the support. As we lead up to Christmas your child will be enjoying lots of festive fun and activities.

At the end of each half term your child will receive a home learning pack which is to be completed over the school holiday and then uploaded onto Tapestry.

Finally, and most importantly your child is special part of our Reception family. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me via email or face to face at the classroom door after I have dismissed the class. I am here to help and will do my best to support you and your child with anything I can.

Kind regards

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