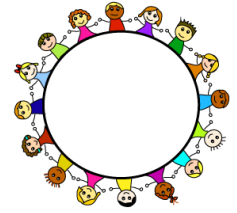


Reception Class Newsletter



September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have settled in extremely well and new friendships are quickly being made. Thank you so much for preparing your child for their transition into Reception Class, we look forward to the year ahead.

This term, our topic is 'Marvellous Me'. This topic will help us to look at our similarities and differences. We will explore what makes us unique and different to others through a range of exciting activities.

In our maths sessions, we will be looking at sorting and comparing objects and size.

During our phonics sessions, we will be following Letters and Sounds Phase 1 to further develop our listening and attention skills. We will then begin to move onto Phase 2, where children are introduced to the first sounds to be able to blend and segment words for reading and writing.



Our PE sessions will take place on a **Tuesday afternoon**. Please ensure that your child **comes dressed for PE on a Tuesday**. PE may take place inside or outdoors, therefore please ensure your child is dressed appropriately. Keep an eye on the board for information.

We love our children to play outside as often as possible. As we begin to head towards colder months, please could you ensure that your child has the appropriate clothing. A coat should be brought to school every day, as the weather can change during the day. It would be useful for a pair of named wellingtons to be left at school for wet outdoor play and trips to the woodland area.

We understand that children can occasionally have toilet accidents, please provide a change of clothes, including pants and socks in a carrier bag to be kept on their peg.



Reading books -Your child has now begun to bring home a reading book. These books are for you and your child to share and talk about. Once we have taught the first few letter sounds in Phase 2 of phonics, we will introduce books using the sounds we have learnt. However, to begin with it is important that children learn to talk about the pictures, make predictions of what might happen next and turn pages singly. You will also received an online reading record login and information on how to access this. Reading often, is extremely beneficial for children in their early years and we would love your support at home with this. Please write a short comment, online, each time you share the book together. New books will be sent home on Friday's, please return your child's book on a Thursday morning.

WOW moments- When your child has achieved something new at home, we would like to hear about it. We will be sending WOW cards home inside your child's book bag. Please fill these in and hand them to us. We can then celebrate this achievement within the class.



Homework - This term, we will be sending home some work to help consolidate the learning of phonics and maths in the classroom. We would really appreciate you helping your child to complete any homework. Please return homework folders on a Thursday so that we can send home new work on a Friday. Many thanks for your anticipated support with this.

If you ever have any worries or questions, please do not hesitate to come and see us. We would ask though, that you speak to us after school or arrange a convenient time for us to call you.

Mrs Ward is available Monday - Wednesday, Miss Williams Thursday & Friday.

We are really looking forward to working with your child this year and have lots of exciting things in store!

Thank you for your support,
Mrs Ward and Miss Williams