

How to help your child at home.

Class reading books

Please bring your child's reading book and book bag to school every day. We aim to hear your child read individually or in a small group as often as possible. When your child reads their reading book with you at home please sign or put a smiley face in their reading record (orange book). Regular daily reading and word recognition is the best way to support reading at this early stage.

We will visit our school library every Friday. Your child may keep a library book for that week. Please share this book together at home, talking about the pictures.

Talking

Talk to your child frequently. Be aware of opportunities to teach your child new vocabulary and skills. It might also be useful to look at family photographs so that your child has a sense of the History involved in your family traditions and culture.

We are continuing with the 'Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum'. Your child will have their own 'profile'. If you would like any information on this, please see a member of the Reception Team.

Snack and Milk

Your child will be provided with a mid morning snack of fruit or vegetable. If you would like your child to have milk at this time, please complete the milk form online following the letter in your starting school home pack. If your child is under 5, the milk will be free but you still need to complete a form.

Donations for healthy snack time

If you are able to make a donation of **bread sticks or crackers** to our "snack time" it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you

Welcome!



What the Reception Class will be learning in the Autumn term.

Our topic this term is "Knock, knock! Here I am!"

Communication, Language and Literacy

We will be reading stories, talking and thinking about 'ourselves' this term. What we were like as babies and how we have grown. If you have a baby photo of your child that you wouldn't mind sharing with us, we would welcome them in so the children can compare themselves to how they used to be.

Show and tell will be every Friday. Please encourage your child to bring in something interesting from home to talk about based on our topic at the time e.g. photos of family, birthday photos, christening candle, photos of family weddings etc

We will be using 'Read, Write, Inc.' this term. It is a phonics scheme developed with different learning styles in mind. Children learn in different ways; visually, auditory and kinaesthetically, and this scheme will help children learn through seeing, saying and doing. These lessons will help the children to read and write - sounding out words and also building them. ***Please practice any green words that come home and complete any handwriting sheets in the folders.*** If you would like more information on 'Read, Write, Inc.' please see a member of the Reception Team.

Mathematics

We will be using Numicon and TenTown to help our children develop their maths skills. During our daily maths sessions, we will also develop our ability to count and will work on using mathematical concepts to solve problems. During our free play sessions, all areas across the curriculum are developed, especially problem solving, where we can try to work things out for ourselves and help other people.

I.C.T.

We have weekly I.C.T sessions in the computer room where the children learn to become competent at controlling a mouse, logging on/off and choosing and using simple games and programmes. We use the computers to make works of art, write our names, practice spelling and much more. Each child will be getting a 'Reading Eggs' and 'Purple Mash' log on for them to go on at home.

Personal, Social and Emotional development

We are learning about the new school, Golden rules, values and how to listen to and respect each other. We are all learning to become good friends, how to share and to

support one another. We are learning to become independent, to take care of ourselves and finding out about what we need to do to stay safe and healthy. We are finding out about our strengths and weaknesses and setting ourselves goals.

Creative Development

We have regular music sessions as a whole class where we are building up a collection of new songs and games. We also get to play with the musical instruments in a structured environment. Listening is a very important skill in life so we will work on this too by hearing and moving to the beat. We encourage all children to express themselves and represent experiences using a variety of different media such as dance, artwork and music.

Physical Development

P.E is every Wednesday afternoon. **Please bring in a full kit, make sure you label ALL items** that belong to you child as it can be easily misplaced and leave it in school until half term. We will learn about space, starting, stopping, balance and movement. In Multi skills, we will move creatively and learn a variety of games. We are learning to use a range of small equipment such as throwing and catching with bean bags. The children also have access to the outdoor areas, the bikes and the trim trail.

WOW! books

Don't forget to make use of your Wow books in your child's reading bag. Anything your child has done that makes you feel proud or they have just started to do that they could do before, please let us know. The children experience a real sense of pride when their wow moments are shared with the class and they enjoy the stickers! *Also, if your child is showing a particular value at home, please share this with us. The values we shall be looking at this autumn term are Respect, Independence, Friendship and Appreciation.* Let's celebrate how wonderful the children are!

Clothing/items from home

Please remember to label **ALL** items of clothing and items brought in from home. If a jumper goes missing and doesn't have a name, it is very hard for us to find and we know that they cost a lot of money!

If you would like to talk to us about any concerns or good news about your child, we have an 'open door policy' so please feel free to pop in and see us at any time.

Thank you very much from The Reception team