

Reception Autumn Newsletter



Welcome

What a fantastic start to school we have had!

It has been such a pleasure getting to know the children and watching them start to settle into their new routines. Starting reception is a very special milestone, and we are incredibly proud of how well the children have adapted to school life.

Over the past few weeks, we have been busy getting to know one another, exploring our new classroom, learning our routines and, most importantly, having lots of fun while learning through play!

Who is Who?

Head Teacher – Mrs Paske

Deputy Head Teacher – Mrs Wargen

Badgers – Miss Chandler (teacher Tuesday – Friday), Mrs Elliott (teacher on a Monday) and Mrs Pugh (teaching assistant).

Hedgehogs – Mrs Gunnell (teacher Monday – Wednesday), Mrs Tisdale (Thursday & Friday), Mrs Cooke (teaching assistant) and Miss Evans (SEND teaching assistant).

What We Are Learning

At the start of our reception journey, we focus on making new friends and playing cooperatively. We find out how to be a good listener and follow instructions, how to look after our classroom and our own belongings as well as becoming more independent.

Topics – We will be planning from the children's interests throughout the year. This term the children's topics will range from Nursery Rhymes to Autumn, People Who Help Us to Christmas. The children will be exploring all areas of learning through this topic.

Phonics – We have started our Read Write Inc phonics sessions and children have been introduced to sounds including m, a, s, d and t. This includes both reading and writing the sound of focus each day.

Maths – We regularly practise counting. We sing counting songs such as 5 Little Speckled Frogs and 3 Current Buns. We are trying to use our fingers to represent the amounts linked to the songs! We will also look at creating patterns and use language related to size (such as tall and short) and weight (light and heavy).

Tapestry

Each child now has an online individual profile on Tapestry. It is a fantastic way to view your child's school life and achievements. As a Parent / Carer, you are aware of your child's interests and strengths. We would like to include your contributions in their profiles and so we welcome any photographs, certificates, wow moments or comments. If you have signed up for this, you should have already received an email to activate your account. For more information or help please see your class teacher or contact school.



Home Challenges

Each week an oracy challenge will be sent home for you to discuss. Eventually, this will be sent via Tapestry. We will then discuss this back in class the following week.

In addition, children will have brought home a book to share with somebody at home. Once this book has been shared, the child can swap this for another.

Other ways you can help your child:

- Share books with your children at home regularly.
- Encourage independence with tidying up, putting on coats and shoes.
- Encourage mark making shapes and lines.
- Encourage name writing.
- Practise counting everyday items (i.e. how many apples are in the fruit bowl?)

P.E.

Physical development is one of the prime areas of Early Years learning! Both gross motor (large body movements) and fine motor (smaller movements using the hands, fingers, and eyes) skills will be practised daily. We aim to have one indoor P.E. session and one outdoor session per week. As part of our curriculum pupils are expected to always have kit in school, ready to practise changing into. Although we encourage independence, we are there to support if changing is too challenging once children have attempted this themselves. Please ensure all clothes are clearly labelled as we will have many items the same.

Badgers – Monday and Thursday.

Squirrels – Monday and Thursday.

Healthy Eating

Just a gentle reminder that we are a healthy eating school.

A healthy snack is provided each day.

Only water is permitted in the classroom.



Dates for your Diary

Thursday 1st October – School photos.

Friday 23rd October – Non-Uniform Day.

Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October: Half term.

Friday 11th December – Reception Nativity – Parents/ Carers invited.

Wednesday 16th December –Party Day!

Friday 18th December: Break up

