

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to Reception. We are really looking forward to working in partnership with you for the benefit of your child.

We will be observing all the children to see who is ready to stay for a full day. **If we feel that your child is not yet ready, you will be informed by a member of staff.**

Don't Forget

- Cooking/sensory activity money of 50p per week, which is **£6.50** for the term.
- We would appreciate a box of tissues from each child for this term.
- No nuts in any food to be brought into school (including peanut butter and Nutella).
- School uniform is compulsory and no jewellery except small stud earrings.
- Spare clothes in a named bag to keep in school.
- If your child is unwell please phone school (**02083602149**) in the morning and then write a letter when your child returns to school.
- Book bags to be brought into school **every day** including their reading books and records.
- We have water bottles that will be sent home every Friday to be washed and must be **returned on Monday** morning.
- If you wish to celebrate your child's birthday in school, please note that cakes are not permitted, but your child can give out small bags of **chocolate buttons**.
- **Children are not allowed to use the play equipment at drop off and collection.**

Literacy:

We will focus on:

- learning initial letter sounds
- blending sounds together to read CVC words
- reading a range of books
- letter formation
- mark-making for different purposes
- writing our names and familiar words

We will begin our phonics sessions in class and your child will receive a pack to reinforce their learning at home.



'Together we can achieve more'

Reception Curriculum Letter

Whole school topic: Step Back in Time

Whole school values: Respect, kindness, co-operation.

Value of the term: Empathy

Physical Development:

Children will have daily access to the outside areas, developing their gross motor skills. Fine motor skills will be developed through cutting and sticking, puzzles, modelling with playdough, sensory activities and construction equipment.

Understanding the World:

We will look at changes as they occur within the seasons, and different festivals as they arise. As the whole school topic is Step Back in Time, Reception will be looking at our own personal histories. We would be grateful if your child could bring a named baby photo of themselves in.

Mathematics:

We will be working on:

- counting up to 10/20
- recognising numbers to 5/10
- exploring shapes and their properties
- using number rhymes and songs for early addition and subtraction

Expressive Arts and Design:

Any parents/carers with musical talent who have time to come in and entertain us would be very welcome.

We aim to encourage and develop creativity by providing a wide range of opportunities to explore paint techniques, pastel, crayon and collage. Children will have regular opportunities to express themselves using music, dance and role-play.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

We will be concentrating on settling children into school, learning school rules and routines and making our own class rules. The children will get to know each other and different members of staff. We will be working on sharing and taking turns. Children will also be developing their independence and taking responsibility for managing their own needs, such as going to the toilet and putting on coats. As part of our whole school values, we will be developing respect, teamwork and cooperation.

Communication and Language:

We will be concentrating on developing:

- listening skills
- communicating clearly with others
- speaking in full sentences
- using correct vocabulary