

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to everyone, we hope you had a good holiday, and we would like to wish you all a very happy and healthy New Year.

Don't Forget

- Cooking/sensory money is £10.00 per term, £30.00 for the year. Please can money be given to your child's class teacher in a named envelope.
- We would appreciate a box of tissues and a bottle of hand soap 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 is permitted except small stud earrings. Please label all clothing including shoes.
- Spare clothes in a named bag to keep in school including spare shoes and socks.
- Please send your child in weather appropriate clothing e.g. wellies and raincoats with hoods.
- If your child is unwell, please phone the school in the morning (02083602149)
- Book bags to be brought into school **every day** including their reading books.
- Please bring in a named child friendly water bottle **every day**.
- Please regularly check Tapestry and upload photos/ videos of your child.

Children are not allowed to use the play equipment at drop off and collection.

Literacy:

Phonics will continue to be taught daily in class. Children will be encouraged to use their increasing phonic knowledge to develop independent writing. We will be covering the following core texts this term; Aliens Love Underpants, Whatever Next, Bog Baby, Mr Wolf's Pancakes and The Gruffalo.

- Please do continue to take the time to share a range of books with your child on a regular basis, to instil a love of reading.
- Please also remember to use your BugClub account.



'Together we can achieve more'

Reception Curriculum Letter

Whole school topic: Ready, Steady, Cook

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

Term Value: Curiosity

Physical Development:

We will do PE on a Tuesday in the hall and will be learning about the effects exercise has on our bodies. **No PE kits required at present.** We will also be continuing to work on strengthening hand muscles to develop fine motor skills and effective pencil control.

Communication and Language:

Children will be encouraged to develop their listening skills in a range of situations, responding appropriately and asking questions. We will also be working on maintaining attention, concentration and focus.

Mathematics:

We will be working on:

- 2D and 3D shapes
- recognising and counting numbers to 20
- one more and one less
- Addition and subtraction
- creating and describing patterns
- height and length

Expressive Arts and Design:

Any parents/carers with musical/sporting/specific skills or talents who have time to come in and work with us would be very welcome.

We encourage children to use a range of media and resources to represent their own ideas and feelings, including painting, collage, model-making, role play, singing and dancing.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

We will be working on developing children's confidence and independence in all areas, including negotiating to sort out conflicts and talking to others about their feelings. We will also be looking at issues as they arise within our classes, such as friendships and how we are all the same, yet different. As part of our whole school values, we will be developing respect, teamwork and cooperation.

Understanding the World:

Each class may develop this curriculum area in different ways, according to the interests of their children. Topics will include Winter, Spring/Easter; Space; other countries; families and communities; and looking at similarities and differences. We will also be looking at the whole school topic by joining with a partner class and collaboratively working on mini projects together.