



Reception Newsletter – Autumn Term

Hello to old friends and welcome new ones! For the next half term, we will be focusing loosely on the topic “Me and My World” and “All About Me”. We will closely observe and follow what the children are interested in as this is the backbone of our daily planning and assessment.

This term we will be focusing on the following areas of learning:

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

Settling into school and a new class, feeling comfortable and relaxed is the important one here! In Reception we encourage all children to be as independent as possible, such as coming into class on their own, putting their coats and bags away, making their own dinner choice and taking care of their own belongings.

As part of our topic this half term we will be focusing on friendships, feelings and what we look like. One of our first jobs is to create self-portraits.

Communication and Language, Literacy

We love to talk in Reception!

We will have daily carpet sessions in both large group and small group for children to talk about themselves and their families. We encourage children to take turns and listen to each other, asking questions and getting to know each other. We enjoy reading as a class together every day and explore a variety of different themed non-fiction/fiction books, rhymes and poetry.

We will be encouraging children to begin to write their own names independently this term, forming the letters correctly. You will receive a letter formation sheet in your child’s home/school folder. Please practice forming your child’s name at home using the rhymes provided.

PE DAY - EVERY WEDNESDAY

On our PE day can all children come to school wearing their PE kit. The will remain in their PE kits all day.

PE Kit to stay in school

- red t shirt,
- black shorts or joggers
- Trainers

If you have any questions please come and see Miss Kirkley.

Please Turn Over!

A few reminders:

- As the cooler weather approaches (at some point!) and we spend a lot of time outside each day, the children will need a warm coat, hat and gloves. A pair of wellies would be useful for wet weather play and of course our very popular mud kitchen.
- **All items of clothing** (including shoes) likely to be removed at any time **must be named** - for the sake of staff sanity! Things go missing all the time and it is so much easier for staff if your child has their name on their belongings.
- Snack is provided in the morning – children will be offered milk/water and a selection of fruit. Please provide a water bottle so your child has free access to water all day.
- Our school policy states children should **not wear earrings**. If your child already has their ears pierced you must either take the earrings out prior to the start of the day or put tape/plastic studs in.
- I completely understand that children need comfort items from home but right now we request that toys of any description do not come into Reception. If children are bringing in spare clothes, please leave them on their peg and we will make sure they are sent home if dirty.
- Lastly, if you are bringing in any paperwork such as consent forms or letters/money – please take them straight to the school office rather than hand them to a member of staff in early years.

Thank you for taking the time to read this, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions of any concerns.

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Mrs Horn (Teaching Assistant)
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