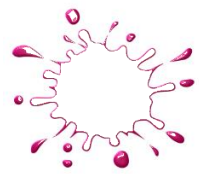


Welcome To Reception!!



I hope you have all enjoyed a summer full of fun!

Starting school is an exciting, as well as daunting, time for children and there will be lots of new experiences every day. We start by helping children to adapt to the structure of the day and introduce the boundaries of the classroom setting. Most importantly they start to build new friendships and they will become familiar with the staff and start to feel comfortable in the classroom.

This brief overview will introduce the topics we will cover over the next few weeks and give you a flavour of what the children will be enjoying. There are also some key dates and things to look out for.

Baseline

Baseline is a judgement that teachers make during the early weeks of a child starting school. In Reception it simply involves us watching the children, recording what they are up to and finding out their interests and skills. There is no 'test' or 'score' or anything equivalent. It just gives the staff a chance to really get to know each individual what their interests are, what activities they find easy or challenging and how they like to learn. Using this information we can support them through the next steps in their learning adapting to their ideas and interests and matching their needs more appropriately.



Numeracy



This term we are looking at our numbers 1 to 10. We will look at each number in turn, over the course of a week looking closely at how we write that number, how we can symbolise that number, how that number can be made using objects etc. This will all run alongside counting games and rhymes, and activities focusing around the resources that children may not have come across before including Numicon and Cuisenaire.

Super Sounds

Super Sounds is a daily session that we will start once the children are full time. It involves introducing each letter as a sound for reading. The session introduces the sound and letter name, some objects that start with that letter, how we can write that letter and usually finishes with a challenge to explore that sound further. We learn 4 letters a week and each Friday your child will bring home a set to teach you at home as well.



Other Areas of Learning

Our main topic is 'Do you want to be friends'. We have a range of exciting stories within our topic all about building friendships and what being a friend means. This will also be linked to friends within the community and the people that help us in our everyday life. If you have any stories or resources that you feel would link to this please send them in for us to share.

For our PE sessions we will follow the same scheme as the rest of the school 'Real PE' and each session links over a period of a half term to a particular theme. Once we have started officially, details of the session can be seen on our display above the children's pegs so please do pop in and have a look.

We aim to provide exciting memorable events and as part of that we hope to get out and about and take the children on walks of the local area looking out for new and exciting things to spot on our journey. This is a great opportunity for the children to talk and discover as a class.

Gardening is a big part of the Reception year and autumn will be about preparing the garden ready for planting in the spring. There is digging and weeding to do, as well as collecting leaves, which is always a favourite. This will run alongside all of the exiting activities that are on offer every day in our outside area.

We understand that children often need to bring in a toy from home to help them start the day. The children have their tray where their special toy can stay during the day. On Friday all children are invited to bring in a toy to share during show and tell. Show and tell is a fantastic opportunity for children to grow in confidence and share something special; it gives staff an insight into their interests and can often spark new friendships as they discuss favourite characters etc.

Dates for your diary

Our catch up coffee sessions are very informal it is a chance to catch up over coffee and biscuits. I will be free to chat with you and will be giving some information about a particular topic as outlined, sometimes this will involve the children or activities and sometimes it will just be information for you to take home.

Wednesday 11th October - Catch up coffee 9.00 -10.00 - Super sounds

Tuesday 17th October - Catch up coffee 9.00 -10.00 - Numeracy

Tuesday 14th November - Catch up coffee 9.00 - 10.00 - Reading

As always any queries or questions please come in and speak to member of Reception staff or put a note in the green home/school link book.

Thank you