

A huge welcome to Reception, I hope you all had a lovely summer and I look forward to getting to know you and the children. The children are settling very well and have had a wonderful first week.

This half term our topic is called 'If you go down to the woods today'. We will learn about woodland animals and Autumn. Our learning will be based around a range of stories including Goldilocks and the Three Bears, Owl Babies and The Gruffalo.

Staff: Both myself and Mrs Cook work full time, Miss Humphrey joins us on a morning and Mr Agar joins us for the afternoon. Mrs Cawthray will teach on a Friday afternoon to cover my PPA time.

Physical

We will develop the children's gross and fine motor skills daily through a range of fun activities.

PE will usually take place on a Tuesday please send a named PE kit into school on a Monday. We will go to woodlands for Forest School on a Wednesday afternoon. Please send a change of clothes and wellies suitable for the woods each week.

Whilst we will of course always help and support children in getting changed it would be helpful to support your child gain independence in getting dressed and undressed as well as doing up zips.

PSED

Children will have one Jigsaw session per week to teach aspects of personal, social and emotional development. This term we will be focusing on 'being me'.

Reception

Autumn Term 2022

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Maths

Children will take part in daily maths activities including a short whole class session.

We will focus on comparing, representing and the composition of numbers 1, 2 and 3.

The children will have access to a range of practical, fun maths activities in the areas of provision both indoors and outside helping them to develop a secure and in-depth understanding of number.



Phonics and Reading

This year we will follow a new phonics scheme called Little Wandle. The children will receive a daily phonics lesson. This will include teaching new sounds, letter formation, reading and writing. I will share with you the new sounds and words the children learn each week on a home learning sheet. Please support your child at home to learn to recognise these sounds and words.

Children will read at least 3 times across 2 weeks to an adult in school. They will also be provided with an ebook to read at home linked directly to the Little Wandle scheme. Please record in the reading record book when children have read the ebook at home.

Children will also bring home a 'sharing story' each Friday that they will choose themselves. Please return this the following Thursday. Sharing stories are to be shared together, we do not expect the children to read them, we hope they will help to develop a love of books and reading.

Vocabulary

This is some of the key vocabulary we will be learning and using this term:

similar, difference, environment, animal, habitat, woodland, autumn, season, change, nocturnal, changes, conkers, berries, acorns, sycamore

Learning starts at home

Learning in Reception is all about children exploring through their ideas and interests. So that we can support this as much as we can in the classroom, we will soon be linking you up with our online learning journeys named Tapestry. This is an excellent system which allows us to share with you your children's learning. To ensure that we have a full picture of your child we ask that you observe at home too and upload any exciting times, achievements etc. onto this system. The children really do enjoy sharing their pictures with each other in class.

Things to keep or bring into school

Whilst we have had a glorious first week of weather, the weather may become very cold as the term progresses. Children will need a warm coat, gloves and a hat as well as sensible outdoor shoes to keep them warm when they play outside. It will also be helpful for the children to bring in their own pair of wellies which we can leave in school and use when the weather takes a turn for the worse in woodlands as well as on the playground.

It is also beneficial to put a spare change of clothes in the children's bag should it be needed as we have a very limited supply of spare clothes.

Snack

Children should have a named water bottle; we will send this home daily and ask that all water bottles only contain water to prevent sticky spillages. In the classroom we have a snack table, here the children can keep their water bottle, the children are free to have a drink whenever they need. All children are offered milk free until they are five. (Providing the relevant form has been completed) Children are offered a fruit snack in the morning, if you wish to send an additional snack please ensure it is healthy, (e.g. cracker, fruit, raisins) and **MUST NOT CONTAIN NUTS**.

General Notices

Please can I remind you to encourage children not to bring toys etc.. into school. As I am sure you can appreciate if they get lost, or broken whilst at school it can cause upset to your child.

We look forward to getting to know you and your children over the school year and if you need to contact me then please drop an email to the office.

Many thanks for your support,

