

Reception Newsletter Autumn Term 1 2017

A very warm welcome to Reception! It is a big step in your child's life to start full-time school and we are really looking forward to helping make it a very happy and enjoyable experience. We want to find out as much as possible about your child's interests so that we can provide experiences for them that are really engaging. Many thanks if you have already returned your child's 'Getting to know you' booklet - if you haven't yet done so please return it as soon as possible. Our first exciting topic is

Food Glorious Food

Personal, Social and Emotional Development



Becoming part of a new class is an opportunity to make lots of new friends. We will be encouraging the children to get to know one another - remember each other's names and how to be a good friend. We will also help them learn to recognise different emotions and as part of this we ask you to support them in completing the emotional check in each morning.

Communication and Language

Your child will be developing their listening skills as well as learning the four basic rules for good listening. We will explore lots of talking activities in pairs and small groups as there will always be plenty to talk about. We will also support your child to speak confidently within the class. New vocabulary will be part of everyday learning.



Physical Development



In PE the children will be learning group dances and games. P.E will be on Wednesday and Thursday. Please ensure that your child has their P.E kit in school every week and that it is clearly named and in the red PE bag provided in the summer term. In the classroom there will be lots of opportunities for children to develop their fine motor skills for writing.

Literacy

The children will be involved in lots of shared reading and storytelling. In phonics they will be learning to recognise letters and blending them to read words. They will bring home the speed sounds they are learning each week and your child will bring home a reading book to share with you. Please ensure that your child's book and reading record is returned to school each day.



Mathematics



This term we will be learning to play lots of number games such as dominoes and dice games. We will be learning to count and recognise numbers and shapes.

Understanding the World

As part of our topic 'Food Glorious Food' we will be looking at

- Similarities and differences between ourselves.
- The importance of exercise, eating a balanced diet and hygiene.

Expressive Arts and Design



We will be encouraging the children to make up their own rhythms and songs, move in different ways and express themselves through music, dance and role play. We will be learning lots and lots of songs as part of our daily routine. We will also be designing and making our own pitta pizzas.

What can I do to help/enhance my child's learning this term?

At first the children will probably be very tired after a full day at school! Ask them some simple questions about their day. Reading stories with your child regularly is a fantastic way to develop their vocabulary and storytelling skills. Encourage them to join in with familiar and repeated sections of the story and ask them some questions about what has happened in the story. Once your child starts to bring home their speed sounds please help them to practise saying the sounds quickly.

Dates for the diary -

Reception Parents Reading Meeting: Wednesday 4th October 2.30pm

We are really looking forward to working with you and your child. If there is anything you think we need to know about your child please come and speak to us. Our door is always open! We will be sending home a weekly note to let you know what has been happening at school. 😊

Miss Shepherd, Mrs Headdock, Miss O'Brien Mrs Moores.