



# Reception Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn 1

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## How you can help us support your child

We hope you have all had a wonderful Summer. We are so excited to get to know all of your wonderful children. This half term is all about learning new routines and getting to know your child's strengths and any areas of development. We will be assessing your child through observations, so we have a starting point from which we can plan the next steps for your child to succeed and make progress. We are having a particular focus on Independence. So we will be encouraging the children to put on their own coats, fasten their shoes and support them to become more independent learners.

The Reception Team

We will be checking that the children have all the items of uniform that they need. Please ensure that your child has the following items by the end of the first week.

- Labelled Wellies
- A labelled school water bottle
- A book bag
- Spare clothes in a separate bag (to be kept in school)

The children must wear plain black school shoes with velcro **(NO LACES)**

A polite reminder that earrings must not be worn at school.

**Can we also ask that you bring in a family photo this week so we can display it in our classroom!**

**Here are some ideas for you to help your child at home, which will give them an extra boost with their learning!**

### **Personal, Social and Emotional Development - How you can help at home:**

- Encourage your child to say positive things about themselves each day.
- Allow your child to explain how they are feeling and encourage them to discuss why.
- Explain your own emotions and feelings and explain any emotions that they are unsure of

### **Mathematics - How you can help at home. Have a go at the following activities:**

- Using real number lines that are used every day such as numbers on jugs, scales, clocks and calendars. Encourage your child to read these numbers.
- Sing counting songs and rhymes
- Talk about timings of the day and what the children do in the morning, afternoon and evening



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## **Physical Development - How you can help at home:**

- Talk about ways we can be healthy and which foods are more healthier than others and why.
- When you are at the park, encourage your child to go on balancing equipment.
- Play throwing and catching games to develop your child gross motor skills.
- Make play dough to squeeze, press, roll to develop fine motor skills

## **Understanding of the World - How you can help at home:**

- Discuss appropriate news events so that the children have an understanding of the world around them.
- Have a look for signs of Autumn as you walk around the local area – colours of leaves, trees, what wild life can you see?

## **Expressive Arts and Design - How you can help at home:**

- Listen to different types of music and talk about which ones they prefer. Choose their own song to play or make up their own in the car.
- Take paper outside to draw the signs of Autumn that you spot.
- Use natural materials to make marks on paper – rubbings, mud paintings.
- Sing songs together and make up dances!

## **Communication and Language How you can help at home:**

- Give your child opportunities to both express their opinions; but also stop and listen to others.
- Ask your child different types of questions, more open ended such as Why and How questions- this encourages them to give reasons.
- Encourage them to ask questions too! Play games such as guess the animal.

We always have an open door policy and are around to chat but we understand it is a little busy sometimes. Here are some ways to communicate if you have any queries.

### **Google Classrooms:**

Each week we will post activities on Google Classrooms. You will be able to upload photographs of your children on here and add comments and communicate with us on here! You will receive your logins for Google Classroom soon.

### **Twitter**

Please look out for our Twitter class pages which will be displayed on the classroom windows in the next week or so.



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**Active Learn (Phonics & Reading)**

You will be given a login for this in the next few weeks. Please try and log in as we will start to allocate reading books online soon.