



CURRICULUM INFORMATION - AUTUMN TERM 2018 RECEPTION CLASS

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Reception, I am pleased to let you know all children have settled well into school and we are getting to know all our routines well.

Please find below an overview of some aspects of Reception Class for the autumn term.

Theme

Our learning this term will take place through the themes of 'Marvellous Me' and 'Autumn and Christmas'. Attached to this letter is an outline of the curriculum content we will be teaching through our themes, based on the Early Years Foundation Stage.

Characteristics of Effective Learning

An important and essential part of the Early Years Foundation Stage is the characteristics of effective learning. These are the skills that children need to make them into successful learners. Each term we focus on a certain aspect.

This term we are focusing on: **Playing and exploring**

Through this we will focus on:

- Finding out and exploring
- Being willing to 'have a go'
- Being engaged in learning activities

'Welly Wednesdays'

This will take place on Wednesday mornings using our Forest School area. Please could you send your child to school on Wednesdays wearing suitable clothes that you are happy to have returned muddy. We suggest old jogging bottoms or similar (not jeans), long sleeved jumpers and coat, as well as hat, scarf and gloves during the winter months. Please could you send school uniforms into school with your child to change into after being in the Forest School area.

PE

The children will do indoor PE on Monday afternoon and outdoor on Friday morning. Please ensure they have the correct PE kit as listed in the school's prospectus.

Phonics

The children will take part in daily phonics activities. Soon we will be inviting you into school for a short introduction into the way we teach phonics.

During phonics lessons the children will be learning to write the letter sounds that they have learnt and how to correctly form these.

Literacy

Our focus in reception is to learn through play in a safe and enabling environment. The children will be encouraged to share their experiences and every week we will talk about our weekend news. As the children progress with their writing they will start to record more and write whole sentences about their news. For the moment we will be concentrating on letter formation for the sound we are learning. Attached is the letter formation format and rhymes we will use.

Mathematics

The children will take part in daily mathematic sessions and their mathematical development will also be supported through the learning environment, both inside and outside of the classroom.

Homework

Helping your child with reading will be the most appropriate homework at this stage. Please read to your child on a regular basis (everyday if possible) in order to help them make good progress in their language skills. When the children start their phonic lessons we will be sending home reading books for the children. At first these will be wordless books for you and your child to discuss what is happening in the pictures. Please write in your child's Home Liaison Book so we can keep track of your child's reading at home.

Water bottles

Please make sure your child has a suitable water bottle (no sippy cups or baby bottles) with them every day, **water only**.

Please contact me with any questions you may have.

Yours in partnership,

Mr Farmer