

Reception Newsletter Autumn Term 1

Welcome to our new school year. All the children have all settled in really well and we have had a positive start to the term.

Please find below a few reminders that you may find useful as well as some information about what your child will be learning this half term.

PE

Our PE days for this half term will be
MONDAY- Games
THURSDAY- Multi Skills

On these days, children should come to school in their PE kit.

Maths

Across school we have a mastery approach to maths which is a teaching and learning approach that aims for pupils to develop deep understanding of mathematical concepts.

This half term **Reception children will be looking at -**

Matching, Sorting and comparing

Measure and patterns

Counting, subitising and manipulating small groups

Preschool will focus on –

Making comparisons, more than fewer than

Building with shapes

Patterns

Topic

Our topic this half term is Wonderful Me and we will be looking at ourselves, our families and homes, our bodies and likes and dislikes. We will also be exploring autumn and harvest and events happening around us. Please find attached our knowledge organisers for this half term, which outline the key objectives for this learning.



Cool Milk

If you would like your child to have milk at snack time please register with cool milk online. They only send enough milk for the registered children and so we can only give it to those who have signed up for it.

Cool Milk
www.coolmilk.com

Read Write Inc. Phonics

Reception children will be starting their daily phonics sessions in school this week.

Phonics is a way of teaching children how to read and write. It helps children hear, identify and use different sounds in words. The phonics scheme that we follow at school is Read Write inc. We will be holding a short phonics workshop for parents on **Tuesday 22nd September at 3.20pm** to help you to support your child at home with early reading and writing – details to follow!

R.E

Being Special, where do we belong?

During this topic we will look at things that are special us and why we value these things. We will learn about key religious symbols for Christians, Muslims and Hindus and learn about the story of Jesus and the children.

Literacy

Our focus this half term will be looking closely at rhyme through nursery rhymes, other poems and stories. In addition, we will of course be starting our phonics sessions, not only the letter sounds but also letter formation and how we put them together to read and write words

Core texts include

Julia Donaldson stories

Shark in the Dark

The Fish who could Wish

PSHE – Our focus for this half term will be me and my relationships - looking at what makes us special.

Label everything!

Please make sure that your child's clothing and belongings are labelled, it really makes life a lot easier!

Reminder

This half term the children will complete the statutory baseline assessment. This is nothing to worry about and as far as the children are concerned all they will be aware of is that they have played a few games on an ipad!

Additional Snack

The children are all offered a piece of fruit each day at snack time. If you feel your child would like an additional healthy snack they can bring this in their book bag to eat at play time. Suitable snacks might include – cheese, fruit, cereal bars (no nuts please).

Drawing Club

This class activity will involve all the children and uses books, traditional tales, and animations to spark imaginations through drawing. Grounded in conversation and mark-making, it helps children expand their vocabulary and develop fine motor skills.

Expressive Arts and Design

This half term we will look at drawing faces and people and making self-portraits using a variety of media. We will create some seasonal art around autumn and harvest including leaf printing, vegetable faces link to the artist Giuseppe Arcimboldi and making soup. In music we will be exploring how we can make different sounds with our voices and bodies and experimenting with tempo and dynamics when playing instruments.



Water bottles

Please provide a named water bottle every day filled with water. We can provide a refill from our drinking water in school. Please do not send your child in with juice.



If you have any questions or concerns at any time, please do not hesitate to come and see us, or you can use the class email address –

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