



Reception Newsletter



AUTUMN TERM 1

SEPTEMBER 2023



Welcome to Reception and our first newsletter of the year.

At the beginning of every half term, we will send a newsletter to you. In this we will include important dates and information and we will give you a brief summary of what we will be covering in Reception that term.

If you ever have any questions regarding information in the newsletter or just in general, please speak to a member of the Reception team or contact the school office who will direct your queries to us.

This half term our work and activities will be based around the key themes, **All About Me** and **Autumn**.

During week 1 of the term, we will be getting to know the children and establishing our classroom rules, expectations and routines.

In week 2, we will focus on our Families and talk about our family members and think about things the people in our families do and special events and activities we do with them.

In week 3, we will think about things we like and things we are interested in and discuss how these make us feel.

In week 4, we will look at Our Bodies and Our Senses and we will explore our body parts and our 5 senses. We will also think about the people who help us to look after our bodies such as doctors, nurses and opticians.

In week 5, we will think about how we have changed since we were babies and name the different stages we go through as we get older.

In week 6, we will think about what Harvest is and where our food comes from and all the things we have to be thankful for.

In week 7, we will look at the key features of Autumn and discuss the changes in the weather, animals and plants during this season.

To support the teaching and learning of our key themes and ideas this term, we will be reading a range of fiction and non fiction texts. Below is a list of some of the books that we will be reading:

Goldilocks and the Three Bears; Red Rockets and Rainbow Jelly; Your Body; The Growing Story; Owl Babies; The Little Red Hen; We're Going on a Leaf Hunt.

In Maths, we follow the White Rose Reception Scheme of Learning.

In weeks 3 and 4, we will complete Block 1 and explore matching, sorting and comparing quantities.

In weeks 5 and 6, we will complete Block 2 and compare the size, mass and capacity of objects and then explore, continue and create simple patterns.

In week 7, we will begin Block 3 and explore different representations of 1,2,3 and we will practise instantly recognising the number of objects or items in a group without counting them, also known as subitising.

In week 2, we will begin daily phonics sessions following the Read Write Inc programme of study.

We will start by familiarising ourselves with all the picture cues linked to the letters and by playing some Fred Talk games.

We will then begin to introduce the sounds in Set 1 and encourage the children to hear, recognise and write the letters taught and we will use the taught sounds to blend and segment simple CVC words.

Please remember to label all personal items especially jumpers and coats.

PE is on a Monday and Thursday and all children need a PE kit in school and a spare set of clothes.

This week the children will receive a school planner and a library book.

These items need to be kept in a reading folder or bag which needs to be brought into school every day.