



HOME LEARNING



During this term, we will mainly be focusing our home learning on phonics and reading to help your child become a confident reader. Throughout the term we may send home some other pieces of home learning based around our topics, which will be a fun and creative piece.

Please remember that reading is so important to develop a love of books in children, and it is so important to read with your child every day.

We are spending a lot of time in Reception practicing our pencil control to help us in writing our names. It is important to keep this going at home by encouraging children to regularly write their names – it really helps with independent name writing.

PE

Reception will have PE on **Monday** afternoons and **Thursday** mornings!

On Mondays please bring your child's PE kit into school in a bag, the children will then change for PE in the afternoon. Due to our PE slot finishing at 2:30pm, the children will then come home wearing their PE kits.

On Thursdays please bring your child's PE kit into school in a bag, the children will then change for PE in the morning and change back into their uniform after the lesson.

PE Kit - Blue or black shorts or track suit bottoms, with a **white** T-shirt and plimsolls or black trainers. Please ensure that all kit has your child's name on it.

ATTENDANCE, PUNCTUALITY AND COLLECTION

Please be reminded that school **starts at 8:20 am** and children should be **collected at 2:40 pm**. **If staff do not recognise the adult picking the child up, they will not be able to allow them to collect them.** The person picking up your child should be 16 years or older. Please inform the office of any change in collection by 2:20. Any child not collected by **3:00 p.m.** will incur a charge of £5 per 15 minutes. We are expecting **100% attendance** this term.

DATES

- **Weds 26th Sept** – Harvest assembly
- **October will be Black History Month**
- **Thurs 18th Oct** – Multicultural Evening – 2:40pm – 4:00pm
- **Mon 22nd Oct – Fri 26th Oct – Half term**
- **Weds 7th Nov and Thurs 8th Nov** – Target setting evenings: 3:00pm – 6:00pm
- **Fri 14th Dec** – Winter Fayre
- **Weds 19th Dec** – Reception and Nursery Nativity Play
- **Weds 19th Dec** – Christmas lunch
- **Thurs 20th Dec** – Christmas parties
- **Fri 21st Dec** – Christmas Jumper Day / End of term

Please be reminded that children may be taken on local trips, within walking distance, at any time during the school year. Children will be fully supervised during these visits and this is included in the application form which parents/carers have signed

NO PHONES

Due to child protection, the use of mobile phones is not allowed on school premises. Please work with us and respect this procedure. It is for the safety of our children!



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the start of another school year. It has been really lovely to welcome back the children who are returning from the Nursery, and has been great to have so many wonderful new faces joining our Reception class! The children are all settling into school life, and we are excited for the fun year of learning and growing ahead of us.

Reception Team

Miss Appleyard – Class Teacher

Miss Ellie – Class TA

SCHOOL LEARNING

This term we will be covering a few topics in Reception, as well as beginning our journey into phonics and reading. Due to the way our curriculum is delivered, the children will be learning their maths and literacy skills throughout each topic, along with the 5 other areas of development within the curriculum.

We will be starting the term by learning all about ourselves and each other as a great way to get to know our new friends. We will be engaging in lots of role play along with fun activities, such as self-portraits, as well as practising our number skills and our name writing.

We will then be moving on to our very exciting topic of 'Dinosaurs', and are expecting to have a lot of fun when we become scientists digging for dinosaur fossils in the garden! We will also be engaging in lots of fun writing activities all about our adventures in 'Dino-land', as well as learning about all of the different types of dinosaurs by making our own 'Dino Directory'.

After half-term, we will then begin our final topic of the term – 'People Who Help Us'. During this time we will be able to learn all about the very important people who help us in life, and we may even have some special visitors to show us how it's done!