

Reception Newsletter 12th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a pleasure to welcome you and your children to Reception. The children have settled in extremely well, you should all be very proud.

We have begun the Read Write Inc Phonics programme. The beginning of our journey of developing readers involves playing Fred games. For those children who did not attend our school nursery, Fred games involve listening for the sounds in words before blending those sounds together to say the whole word. You can play Fred games at home by asking your child to use the sounds you are saying to work out the word. E.g. h-a-t hat, sh-o-p shop. This week there has been a focus on the letter sounds m, a, s and d. Alongside our phonics programme we maintain a focus on developing the children's love of reading. This centers on reading books that go beyond the children's phonic knowledge and skills. We enjoy story time in school every day where we read a book that follows the children's interests. The children also take a book home from our class library. These library books are for you and your child to share and enjoy together and they are changed as soon as they are read. Sharing a book is a wonderful chance to develop your child's speaking and listening skills and introduce new vocabulary.

On-entry into Reception all children undergo a Reception Baseline Assessment. This is a short assessment assessing Communication, Language and Literacy and Mathematics. It is a short task based assessment and is not used to label or track individual children. The data is only used at the end of Year 6 to form the school-level progress measure. However, teachers can use this information to inform teaching within the first term in school.

PE is every Monday morning with Miss Quinn, the school's PE Lead. Children are to come to school dressed in a pair of maroon joggers and trainers. A reminder that can you ensure all your child's belongings have their names clearly written on them? Mr Lucas, the school's music teacher, is also based in Reception on Monday morning.

Many thanks to all parents who have confirmed they have received their email from "EvidenceMe". Please check your junk folder if you haven't received it. "EvidenceMe" is an app and website used in Early Years which enables staff to capture and share your child's experiences in school and share them with you. Parents are also able to share photographs and make comments in response. This forms part of your child's Learning Journey throughout Reception. If you have been unable to access this please let a member of staff know.

Thank you for your support. We look forward to working with you over the coming year.

Reception Staff