

Reception Class Autumn Newsletter

11th September 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

We hope you have all had a lovely summer and are looking forward to being part of our school. We are thoroughly enjoying getting to know all of the children and are very impressed with how independent the children are coming into school. We are going to have such fun this term looking at our topic all about dinosaurs through lots of exciting activities inside and outside our classroom.

We will be starting to send our reading books home next week. Although we understand your child may not be able to read the book just yet, we hope the book we send home, you will be able to share with your child by asking questions about the story and writing a little comment into the reading record book which you will soon receive. As well as this you will receive a green book; this is for the child to choose an activity from the front page and complete relating to their book.



We have started looking at Jolly Phonics and will begin learning our new sounds next week. From then we will be learning 4 new sounds each week which will include some tricky words. Letters and Sounds are taught in sets (not in alphabetical order) and the first set of sounds we will be learning are: s, a, t, p

We will be learning an action to accompany each sound and your child will learn to say the sound that each letter makes. We will keep you updated with the new sounds each week which you can help your child with at home.

Reception will be having P.E every Wednesday. All children must have their kit in school ready for Wednesday's lesson to be able to participate fully. They will need black shorts, a white top and plimsolls. Occasionally, our lessons may be outside depending on the weather, so we ask if you could add a pair of black jogging bottoms and a jacket in case.

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Over the next few weeks we will be learning to count, recognise numbers and order them as well as being able to copy, create and describe patterns. Number and concepts in Maths will also be taught through a variety of practical approaches. The children will have lots of "play and fun!"

Within our writing we will be learning how to recognise and write our letters and will be listening to exciting stories where we will learn how to retell and sequence key parts of the story.

We will soon be introducing the children to their buddy from year 6. The Buddy system is a fantastic scheme for helping the children to settle into school especially at playtimes. Throughout the year the children meet with their buddies to complete various activities and it is always lovely to see the special bond they build. You will have a chance to see your child and their buddy soon at the **Welcome Assembly** which will be held on **Thursday 4th October at 9:10am** all parents and carers are welcome to join us for this special day, there will be refreshments provided afterwards.



How can you help?

- Continue encouraging your child to practise dressing and undressing independently and turning clothes the right way around.
- Become more confident with using a knife and fork to cut soft foods and to eat with.
- Please make sure that ALL of your child's belongings are clearly labelled with a name
- We welcome any newspaper and recycled cardboard (e.g. cereal boxes, yoghurt pots etc.) for junk modelling in class.
- We welcome photos of the children and their families to share with the class and that we can place onto our display.

If you have any concerns please come and see us, however small you think the problem is. We are all here to help.

Kind regards

Miss O'Reilly, Mrs Walker and Miss Stothard

