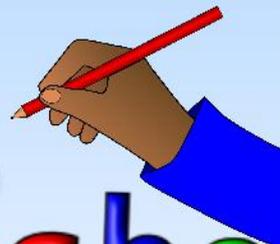


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Reception Newsletter
Autumn 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

First of all, please let us welcome you to your child's Reception Class. For some of you, this will be the continuation of a journey begun in All Sorts or Nursery, for others it is the beginning of what we are sure will be a long and positive relationship.

This term is all about making sure your child is happy and confident to come into school.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

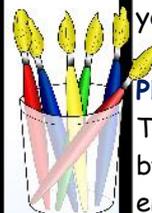
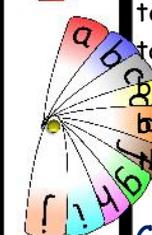
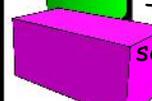
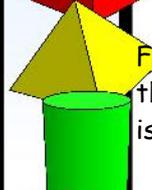
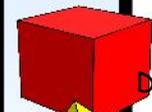
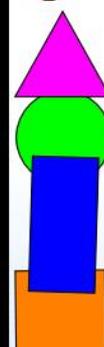
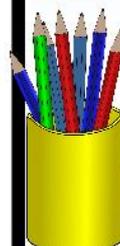
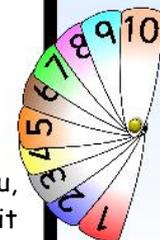
We will be encouraging the children to get to know each other through looking closely at the similarities and differences between themselves. We will be encouraging them to become more confident when speaking out, and independent when choosing and talking about their activities. We will also be talking about the expectations and boundaries in Reception. To celebrate and make birthdays a special time, children will be allowed to wear their own clothes on their birthday. If this falls at the weekend then it will be either Friday or Monday at their choice.

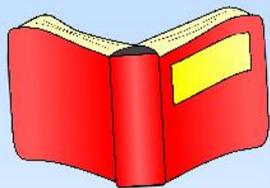
Communication and Language

We will be encouraging the children to listen attentively in a range of situations, through whole class, small group and one-to-one activities. Building on the expectations in Reception, we will also be encouraging the children to follow multiple-part instructions on a regular basis. Another aspect of getting to know each other will also consist of talking about our past and present experiences, which will develop the children's use of different tenses accurately. We are going to be introducing the children to a new programme that explores the meaning of words and will be letting you know more about this later.

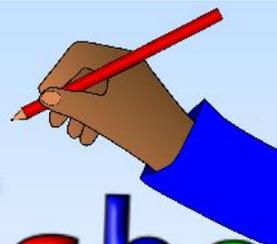
Physical Development

Through regular PE sessions, we will be developing the children's control over objects by pushing, patting, kicking, throwing and catching activities. We will also be encouraging the children to develop their understanding of good practices in relation to eating, exercising and hygiene.



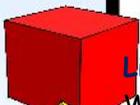


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Literacy

We will be looking at the language and structure of stories using some traditional and modern tales. We will also be looking at rhyming strings through daily stories and practical activities.



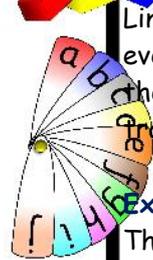
Mathematics

We will be focussing on developing the children's abilities to count accurately actions or objects which cannot be moved, initially up to 10, and then beyond! We will also be encouraging the children to recognise and name 2D and 3D shapes, along with their properties.



Understanding the World

Linking into our work on tenses, we will be talking about past, present and future events in our lives. We will also be encouraging the children to think and talk about the differences between themselves and others, and among families, communities and traditions.



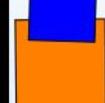
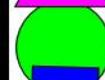
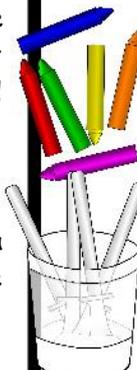
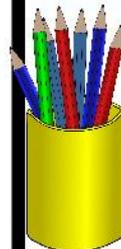
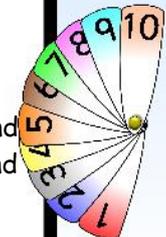
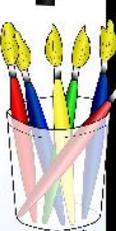
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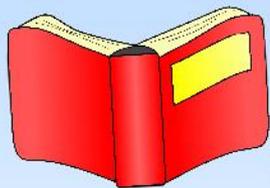
This term, we will be looking at rhythm, copying and creating simple rhythms using a variety of musical instruments. We will also be using a variety of media to create representations of people, places and events.



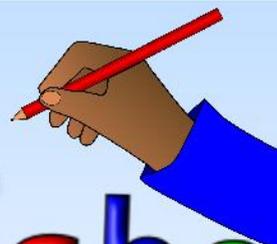
Dates for your Diary

- Tuesday 25th September** Trip to town to visit shoe shop
- Thursday 27th September** Reading and writing evening 6.30pm
- Thursday 4th October** - School Photos
- Friday 5th October** - Cafod Day; please wear something bright and bring some long life produce which can be distributed to the needy
- Tuesday 9th October** Parents Open Evening
- Sunday 14th October, 9:30am** - Reception Welcome Mass at All Souls Church.
- Thursday 27th October** - Phonic Information Evening for parents of children in the Reception.
- Monday 22nd October** - Half Term begins
- Tuesday 11th December** Christmas Play 1.15pm
- Wednesday 12th December** Christmas Play 9.15am





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Reminders

Now that your children have begun to settle in, we would like to take this opportunity to remind you of some essentials!

- Your children are expected to be in class by 8:45am. Any time after that, they should come through the office and will receive a late mark on the register.
- Please ensure your child's name is clearly printed on all their property,
- The school website is essential for keeping you up to date on all the happenings in school (and there are often quite a lot!) Please ensure you check it on a regular basis.
- Foundation Fund - we ask for a contribution of £1 per week to enable us to buy new resources for your children. This should be placed in the pot on the desk in the cloakroom .

We are looking forward to working with and getting to know your children this year.

Mrs Jilks
Mrs Atwel
Ms Croarken

