

Friday 7th September

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Autumn 1! We hope you have all had a fantastic summer and that the children have enjoyed the first week in their new class. They have coped exceptionally well in adjusting to their new environment in Reception and we have had a great week getting to know each other. We have to say, it was lovely to see them all looking very smart in their new uniforms! We will be emailing out newsletters on a regular basis to let you know what we are up to, so please keep an eye out.

Reception Staff

Below is a reminder of the staff across Reception;

Mrs Spencer- RS Reception teacher (Monday-Thursday)

Miss Vasey- RPW Reception teacher

Mrs Pickersgill- RPW teaching assistant

Miss Pickersgill- RS HLTA (Teaching RS on a Friday)

Mrs Pine- HLTA (Cover in RS on a Wednesday afternoon)

We also have a few college students working across the 2 classes at the moment so you will be seeing some other faces too.

Morning routines

Thank you for bringing your children in on a morning and helping them settle in doing their jobs. We are delighted at how confident the children have become in joining in with some table tasks and playing with you and their friends until you leave. From next week, you are welcome to continue to bring them into class but we would like you to encourage your child to find their own peg, draw for their book bag and a place for their water bottles. The children will continue to find their name to answer the question of the week. In addition to this, you will find a red book with your child's name on. Please encourage your child to write (copy) their name into their book. We kindly ask that you do not write for your child, we want to know what they can do independently. As soon as your child has done their morning jobs and completed their writing, you may leave your child so they can find their spot on the carpet ready for registration. The tambourine will ring at an earlier time of 8:55am.

Book bags, water bottles and clothing

Please ensure your child brings their book bag to school every day. They will be bringing home their reading books and other things regularly to use at home. We would also like to ask that all water bottles, cardigans, jumpers and coats are labelled clearly with your child's name.

W/C 4th September

This week we have settled in fantastically and made lots of new friends. The children have had a chance to explore the classroom and have completed a range of activities using different resources in class. The children have coped really well with our new routines, especially when going for dinner. We are very impressed! We have started our baseline assessments and these will continue into next week.

W/C 10th September

This half term our topic will be 'Traditional Tales'. Next week we will be reading our new book 'The Gingerbread Man'. We will learn about ordering, counting and writing the numbers 1-10 with a focus next week on number 3. Alongside with these activities we will be continuing our baseline assessments as the children work in the different areas of the classroom.

Learning Log

Every **Friday**, your child will bring home a learning log task. These tasks will be written in their purple learning log book which will come home this Friday in their book bags. The tasks will differ each week and there is a little note in the front of the book to help you understand how to complete the tasks. Learning logs are to be completed and returned the following **Thursday**.

Reading homework

On Monday, we will begin our 'Read Write Inc' phonics sessions. Each week the children will learn five new sounds that they will practise reading and writing. Each week, you will find their blue 'sounds and words' book in their book bag with the new sounds they have learnt in school. As and when the children are beginning to blend, they will also bring home some words in this book to practise. Please spend some time with your child every day practising their sounds and words- this will really help them. Again, there is a little note in the front of the book explaining how to use it. Below is a link to the Read Write Inc website which has a section dedicated to parents to support you in teaching your child phonics, like we do at school. We will be holding a reading meeting for parents in the next few weeks – date to follow.

<https://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/find-out-more/parents/>

Resources

We are always really grateful for any resources we can use in school, especially things we can use to make models at school. Please see below a list of resources we are always looking for to enhance our modelling area.

- Toilet roll tubes
- Various sizes of cardboard boxes
- Pasta
- Rice
- Buttons
- Ribbons
- Tin foil
- Yoghurt pots
- Materials
- Anything interesting that you have spare and you think the children will enjoy using!

We hope you have a lovely weekend and we can't wait to see the children again on Monday. The doors will continue to open at 8:40am for you to bring your child into class, and please collect your children at 3:15pm from the classroom door. Do not hesitate to speak to a member of the team if you have any questions.

Thank you again for a fantastic first week,

The Reception team

