



Reception News Letter Autumn 2021



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Welcome!

Firstly, we would like to thank you for all of your support with the start of the term. Everyone has been great following the COVID related guidance, meaning that we are in school as safely as possible.

The children have made a fantastic start to school and we are blown away by how well they have settled. The progress they are making is amazing and we are so proud of how well they are all doing in Reception.

We are looking forward to the rest of the half term and thank you for your continued support.

Topic, English and Maths

This week we have kicked off our first Reception topic by asking the question: 'Do all superheroes wear capes?' The children have already welcomed some special visitors from different occupations to talk about their roles. We have learnt how people help us every day and why they are superheroes.

In Phonics, we are learning the sounds for each letter. We are beginning to put these sounds together to read and spell words and captions.

In writing we will begin to learn the story of 'The Three Little Pigs' next week. First we will become familiar with the story by telling the story to each other in our play in different areas of the classroom. The children will have lots of opportunity to invent their own version of the story, recording their ideas.

We have been looking at matching and sorting in Maths, and will be moving onto numbers and shapes. We will explore each number in turn and really investigate it in depth so that children have a deep understanding.

Homework

We will be sending homework home every Friday. This will be an opportunity to practice what we have learnt in phonics that week.

Soon children will be sent home with a book they should be able to read, but until then, please continue to read a story book to them and talk about what has happened in the story. Reading and listening to stories is one of the best ways to support your child's development as it helps them to learn vocabulary, sentence structures and helps with their imagination.

Celebration 'dress up' day

On Friday 15th October we will bring our topic to a close with a special 'dress up' day, where the children can come to school dressed as what they would like to be when they grow up. This will be a fun opportunity to bring all our learning together and we will share photographs on Tapestry. Further information to follow.

Family photographs

We'd love to see your family photographs and if possible, send them into school next week, so that we can display them on the wall in our new Home Corner. They will support our learning in circle time, where we will talk about members of our immediate families and describe people who are familiar to us.

Outdoor play

Please note that in Early Years, children will learn outside every day. Please ensure that they have a warm, waterproof coat, a hat and gloves for the coming colder weather. We do have wellies that children can borrow on wet days but please send them in with their own if they have any.

As always, please let us know if you have any questions or queries.

The Reception Team