

# RECEPTION CLASS

## Dear Parents/Carers,

We've had a great start to the year and everyone is settling in well. We've spent the first week getting to know one another and making new friends!

Reception is part of the Early Years Foundation Stage and your child will be continuing their learning in a similar style to Nursery, with lots of opportunities for child-centred and play based learning. We follow the Early Years curriculum which is divided into seven areas of learning: Communication and Language, Physical Development, Personal Social and Emotional Development, Literacy, Numeracy, Understanding the World and Expressive Arts and Design. Religious Education also plays a big role in the curriculum.

### COMMUNICATION, LANGUAGE AND LITERACY

There is going to be a focus on developing speaking and listening skills during this first term. We will set up opportunities for show and tell and include lots drama and role-play in relation to the stories we read.

### PHONICS

We will be starting daily phonics sessions following guidance from the Letters and Sounds phonics programme. The majority of the class will be starting on phase 2 of the scheme. Beginning with set 1 letters, s,a,t,p, children will learn the sounds of the letters and use them to read and write simple phonetic words.

### RE

We follow the 'Come and See' scheme of work in RE. This term we will covering the topics Domestic Church/family, Baptism/Confirmation and Advent/Christmas. We will also be learning about Judaism.



## Autumn Term

This term our topic will be 'Ourselves'. The topic will encompass all areas of the curriculum and activities will include painting self-portraits, finding out about our families and creating a family tree, exploring our senses and much more! It should be a really fun topic and a chance for us to get to know each other. It's also a great opportunity to build links between home and school.

This term we will have our first class assembly on November 15th and our Early Years Christmas celebration on December 12th. Everyone is welcome at these events, the more the merrier!

### NUMERACY

In Numeracy we will be counting on and back using numbers up to 10, including recognising and ordering numerals. We are going to look at early addition and subtraction in practical situations, finding one more and one less and combining groups of objects.. We will also be describing the shape, size and position of 2D

### PE

PE is on a Monday. The class will also be using the 'daily mile' track each day. We will keep PE kits at school for the half-term and send them home during holidays.

Please ensure your child has a full PE kit and that it is clearly labelled with their name.

You can support your child by helping them practise getting dressed and undressed at home and developing a sense of independence.

### Book Bags

Please send book bags into school everyday. Reading books will be changed on a Monday and Wednesday and children will be given a library book on Friday. Please make time to read with your child and sign their yellow reading record books.

Children will also take home their home learning book on Fridays. This book will include fun, simple activities that link with the topics we have been covering in class.

### Questions?

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask myself or any other member of staff working in class. Appointments can be made with myself before or after school via the office.

Next week I will be holding 1:1 parent meetings. This will be an opportunity for us to discuss how your child is settling into Reception and targets for this first term. We will also be holding an Early Years coffee morning on September 22nd. This is a great opportunity for you to meet other parents and find out more about the Early Years.