



Reception Autumn Newsletter



Teachers

Mrs Ratcliffe is the reception class teacher. Mrs Wareing is our amazing teaching assistant. We have both had many years experience in Early Years between us and cannot wait to welcome and nurture your children and help them to succeed!

Our routine

In Reception class, we have literacy and phonics lessons in the morning and maths in the afternoon. We are also fortunate to have forest school sessions and a weekly PE session! Please ensure all PE kits and forest school wetsuits and wellies are in school for next week! We play outside on the playground with our friends during morning break, lunchtime and afternoon break!

We embody our school vision 'Shine from the inside out' in all that we do and go to worship in the hall daily - we do wait a little while until your child has settled in to do this!

During continuous provision, the children will access a wide range of adult and child-led activities to nurture their curiosity and teach them new knowledge and skills.



Working in partnership with parents

In Reception class, we value the relationships we build with you as parents. We have open communication with you and know this leads to best outcomes for your child.

At school, we use Clasdojo to share class and personal experiences with you at home!

At home, please use Clasdojo to message us about your child's development. This could be anything from a special memory to a huge developmental milestone! We love to share these images on the board with your child's class and it is a fabulous way of getting to know one another and communicating with each other.

Clasdojo is not to be used as a way of messaging us as we'd much rather speak to you in person. If you do have any questions then please come and speak to Mrs Ratcliffe or contact the school office to arrange an appointment.

Baseline assessments

Mrs Ratcliffe will carry out baseline assessments over the next couple of weeks. This statutory assessment is used as a starting point to measure the progress your child will make from reception to year six. These assessments are short, interactive, and practical. If you would like to find out more information, please see the parent information booklet shared on ClassDojo.



What to bring to school each day

A bookbag – even though they may come home empty at the moment, we will soon be giving out reading diaries and later in the term homework packs. Once received, homework packs, reading records and reading books should be brought to school each day so that they can be checked and your child can read in school. If you haven't already please purchase a bookbag as backpacks do not fit into our small storage area and do not fit homework files!

A weather appropriate coat.

Please label all of your child's belongings. Items such as cardigans, jumpers and hats inevitably get lost along the way. Naming them helps us to return them to you.

Water bottles

School provide water bottles which are filled with fresh water each day. They are also washed by ourselves. Please do not bring in own water bottles as these can get lost or damaged!

Snack

Reception have snack and milk after break time each day.

It has been a pleasure to get to know your wonderful children this week. We are looking forward to a fantastic year ahead!

Mrs Ratcliffe and Mrs Wareing

