Reception Autumn Newsletter

Teachers

Mrs Ratcliffe is the Reception class teacher, and Mrs Wareing is our amazing teaching assistant. Between us, we have many years of experience in Early Years education, and we cannot wait to welcome and nurture your children and help them 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 a weekly PE session and constant outdoor learning opportunities!

We play outside on the playground with our friends during morning break, lunchtime and afternoon break. During continuous provision, the children will access a wide range of adult-led and child-initiated activities to nurture their curiosity and teach them new knowledge and skills.

We embody our school vision, *'Shine from the Inside Out'*, in all that we do and attend daily worship in the hall. We do wait a little while before introducing this to ensure that your child has settled in first.

Working in Partnership with Parents

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

At school, we use ClassDojo to share class news and your child's achievements with you at home.

At home, please use ClassDojo to share updates about your child's development. This could be anything from a special memory to a significant developmental milestone! We love sharing these moments with the class, and it is a wonderful way to get to know one another and strengthen communication between home and school.

ClassDojo should not be used to contact us about concerns or questions, as we would much rather speak with you in person. If you have any questions, please come and speak to Mrs Ratcliffe or contact the school office to arrange an appointment.

Baseline Assessments

Mrs Ratcliffe has carried out baseline assessments over the past couple of weeks. This statutory assessment is used as a starting point to measure the progress your child will make from Reception to Year 6. These assessments are short, interactive and practical.

What to Bring to School Each Day

A book bag

Although it may come home empty at the moment, we will soon be sending home 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. Homework folders and letters are all A4 size, so please ensure that your child has a book bag if possible.

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 return them to you.

Water Bottles

School provides water bottles, which are filled with fresh water each day and washed regularly by staff.

Snack

Reception children receive a healthy snack and milk each day.

Phonics

Our phonics scheme is Red Rose Letters and Sounds. We have learned the Week 1 sounds: **s, a, t,p,I and n** Please practise these as often as possible at home. Next week we will send reading books and phonics activities home for the first time. Please sign your child's reading record or complete the phonics activity and return the book to school the next day. Some nights your child will get a reading book to read, on other nights it may be a phonics-based reading activity to develop confidence in early reading.

Phonics Workshop

We would like to invite you to a phonics workshop to learn how you can support your child on their reading and writing journey.

You are invited to attend on either **12th October at 2.00 pm** or **19th October at 2.00 pm**.

We run this as a workshop rather than a meeting, so there will be a short introduction to our phonics scheme, followed by lots of practical phonics activities that you can complete with your child.

Please message Mrs Ratcliffe via ClassDojo to book your preferred date. There are 15 places available at each workshop. The rest of the class will enjoy an afternoon of fun activities with Mrs Wareing and Miss Whiteside.

It has been a pleasure getting to know your wonderful children so far. We are looking forward to a fantastic year ahead!

Mrs Ratcliffe and Mrs Wareing