

# Autumn 2020 – Termly Topic Update

September 2020

## Welcome

Reception marks the beginning of your child's education. Starting school brings a time of mixed emotions for children, parents and staff creating feelings of excitement, anticipation and expectation. The first few weeks of school life are very valuable in getting to know each other and becoming familiar with the school routines.

As our Reception children are enjoying exploring their new environment staff are busy getting to know each child finding out what they enjoy and are interested in, what they are confident in and where they may need a bit more support. During this period, we carry out a range of assessments to inform future planning and learning. This enables us to create challenging and appropriate activities for everyone.

We are really excited about our topic this term... 'Jolly Journeys'. Children will be learning about different types of transport and ways of travelling. They will take part in a range of engaging cross-curricular activities to enhance their understanding of this topic and to find out about the country their class is named after.

## Phonics

Children will have daily phonics sessions and lots of opportunities for writing. Please help your child write their name independently using a capital letter followed by lower case letters. On the 30<sup>th</sup> September there will be a meeting for all parents to provide you with information and guidance on how you can support your child at home. This will include how we teach reading, phonics and handwriting in school.

## Reading

Once children are settled into the school routines we will send home a reading book and they will be heard read once a week at school. This will either be through individual reading or guided (group) reading. Please ensure your child has their book bag in school every day as this may not be the same day every week. Please make a note in your child's reading log when you have listened to them read.

## Rainbow Challenges



These are additional challenges that you may like to complete with your child at home to support this terms topic.

**Go for a ride on a bus and draw a map showing where you went.**

**Create a painting using different vehicles.**

**Go to the library and find a book about going on a journey.**

**Write down the registration number of a vehicle then make one of your own for your bike or scooter.**

**Feel free to share these soon through your new Showbie classroom!**

## Outdoor Learning

During the afternoon children will take part in our 'Discover and do' sessions and 'Welly Wednesdays'. For these your child will need a pair of named wellies to keep in school.



## Maths

Children will have a daily session of maths teaching. Please support your child with recognising numerals and counting to 20. Provide them with opportunities to practice accurately counting out the correct number of objects up to 20.

## PE

PE is on a Tuesday with our PE specialist Mr Newson. Please make sure your child comes to school dressed in their PE kit (jogging bottoms not shorts) and wearing appropriate footwear (trainers not plimsolls). PE will be in the hall. Long hair must be tied up and earrings need to be removed for safety reasons. If a child is wearing earrings they will not be allowed to take part.

## Reception Staff

### Australia Class

**Mrs Mayes**

Early Years Leader /Class teacher

### Brazil Class

**Mrs Brill**

Class teacher  
(Mon, Tues)

**Mrs Laflin**

Brazil class teacher  
(Weds, Thurs Fri)

### Chile Class

**Miss Perry**

Class teacher

**Mrs Bunton/ Mrs Edison**

Cover Supervisors

**Mrs Whelan, Mrs Beadle  
Hood and Miss Boast**

Early Years Practitioners

## Autumn Term Key Dates

**Phonics Information Session** for parents on the 30<sup>th</sup> September at 2.45pm. More info to follow.

### Half Term

**Week beginning 26<sup>th</sup> of October 2020.**

### End of Term

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020.**

*As we start a new school term, we are keen to share dates for the year ahead. We aim to be as creative as possible to ensure that we share your child's learning experiences with you in a safe way.*

*Initially, instead of cancelling dates, we will be choosing to inform you of upcoming dates and details as soon as we can confirm more.*