

Autumn 2023 – Curriculum News

September 2023

Welcome

Reception marks the beginning of your child's education and 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 begin to explore 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 little bit more support. During this period, we carry out a range of assessments to inform future planning and learning. This enables us to create appropriate and challenging activities for all our pupils.

We are really excited about our theme this term... 'Jolly Journeys'. Throughout the term children will be learning about different ways of travelling and different places to travel to. They will take part in a range of engaging cross-curricular activities to enhance their understanding 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 to write their name independently using a capital letter followed by lower case letters. Please see the 'Fridge Flyer' for information on a phonics information session for all parents to attend. This session is to find out how Phonics is taught and how you can support your child with their Phonics journey.

Reading

Once children are settled into the school routines we will send home a reading book. Children will have three group reading sessions a week led by a member of staff and a reading book will be sent home on Thursday to be collected in on Monday. Your child will also bring home a 'reading for pleasure' book which you can enjoy sharing together. Please leave a comment in your child's reading log each time you have listened to them read.

Rainbow Challenges

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

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.

Maths

Children will have a daily session of maths teaching. Please support your child with recognising numerals up to 10 then beyond to 20. Activities that you could engage in with your child include;

- Counting objects accurately.
- Predicting how many objects there are before counting them.
- Playing board games that involve counting.
- Playing card games such as snap or matching pairs with cards with numbers on.

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 and appropriate footwear (trainers not plimsolls). 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 Newson

Class teacher M,Th,F

Mrs Edison

Class teacher Tu,W

Brazil Class

Miss Ogg

Class teacher

Chile Class

Mrs Brill

Class teacher M, Tu,

Mrs Laflin

Class teacher W,Th,F

Early Years Practitioners
**Mrs Whelan, Mrs Harden,
Mrs Langston, Mrs Taylor
Brown and Mrs Payne**

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 please.



We are very excited for a fantastic half term full of purposeful and inspiring learning opportunities.

If you have any questions please speak to your child's class teacher.

