

Welcome back to our children in the Early Years!

We hope that you all had a lovely Summer break and that your children enjoyed their first week. The EYFS team are looking forward to another busy but exciting term at school.

There have been a few changes within the EYFS team so here is another reminder of who's who.
EYFS lead - Miss Ryder

EYFS team - Mrs Thompson, Mrs Jennings, Miss Lile, Miss Barsby and Mrs Willock

The School Day

The school day starts at 8.45am for Nursery and Reception and finishes at 3.15pm (or 2.45pm for some Nursery children). Please ensure that your child is on time every morning as we start our learning straight away and it can be unsettling for children if they arrive late.

Because of the new advice to help keep our children and staff safe, we are unable to allow any parents into school. If you need to deliver an urgent message, staff are available for a brief chat at the door (if no other parents are waiting) and we are also happy to chat over the phone or we can organise a Zoom meeting; please contact the school office to arrange this.

Reading

Reception children will be bringing their reading book home this week. Please ensure that you read with your child daily. They will have a sound book to practise the phonemes that they are being taught that week. It is very important that the children practise saying the right name of the letter and the sound that it makes. Reading books and sound books will come home every Monday and need to be brought back into school every Thursday. A new Reading book will then be given out to be returned again the following Monday (this is a slight change from the original organisation). This is to ensure that the books are all quarantined for 72 hours, before they are put back into circulation.

Monday 14th Sept. - reading books and sound books given out

Thursday 17th Sept. - reading books brought back to school, changed and a new book sent home
- sound books to be brought back into school

Monday 21st Sept. - reading books brought back to school, changed and a new book sent home
- sound books with new phonemes in sent home

Nursery children will be bringing home a school library book that they have chosen themselves; please share this book at home, by talking about the story and the illustrations.

High 5 Readers



Studies show that reading for pleasure makes a big difference to children's education performance. 'We know how important reading is to the educational progress of our children. That is why we try to encourage it and incentivise regular reading at home. Children who read 5 times a week at home are 'high five readers' with those children regularly achieving this being rewarded in school. Please note all home reading on your child's weekly high five reading sheet and return this every Monday with the books you are returning.

Homework

Reading Eggs

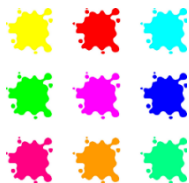
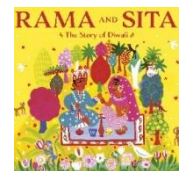
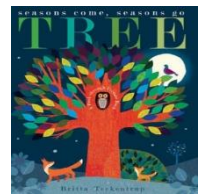
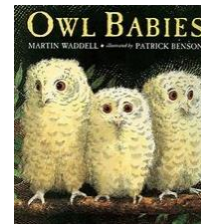
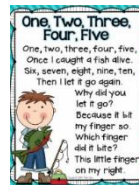
Reception children will each have a Reading Eggs account. This is a fun, on-line resource that supports children to develop their phonic and reading skills. Once the initial assessments have been completed in school, your child will bring home their log-in details. This can be accessed at home and at school.

Purple Mash

Purple Mash is a cross-curricular website that we use to teach Computing in school. There are fun, creative games and tasks to complete. Mini-Mash is the EYFS area of Purple Mash. Your child will have an individual login to access this resource at home at any time. Every few weeks, they will be set specific tasks to complete. Information about this will be sent home via the Marvellous Me app.

Curriculum

This half term, some of our topics are All About Me, Autumn, Harvest, Seasons (Light & Dark), Diwal and Bonfire Night. 16th - 20th November is Nursery Rhyme week so be prepared for lots of singing, as we teach the children our favourite tunes!



Nursery Colours

Nursery will have a weekly focus colour. On a special day each week, the children will be asked to come to school wearing clothes of that colour - more information will be sent out via Marvellous Me.

Outdoor activities and PE

EYFS will have Forest Schools every Friday morning until half term. Please ensure that your child is wearing suitable clothing for the weather (lots of layers as it gets colder) - waterproofs and wellies will be kept at school. We will be outside in all weather.

Reception will have PE on a Monday afternoon. Please send your child to school wearing suitable clothes and footwear on this day. If the weather is nice, we will be outside for these lessons.

Marvellous Me

We love to send messages and photos home to keep you updated about the great things your child does in school. Please make sure that you are signed up to Marvellous Me and don't forget to 'High 5' us. The children really like to see that parents have received their Marvellous Me message so that you can celebrate their achievements together. If you are struggling to access Marvellous Me, please contact the school office so that we can provide you with any support that you require.

We hope that you find this information useful. There will be further updates and communication throughout the term, but please do not hesitate to get in touch with the class teacher if you have any concerns or you would simply like more information. We are here to help! 😊 **The EYFS team!**