

Welcome back! We hope that you have had a lovely Summer break.

The EYFS team are looking forward to another busy but exciting term at school. There have been a few new additions to our EYFS team, so here is a reminder of who's who....

EYFS team - Miss Ryder (EYFS Lead), Mrs Thompson, Mrs Jennings, Miss Lile, Miss Barsby, Mrs Tiffany, Mrs Bailey and Mrs Willock.

The School Day

The school day in Reception starts at 8.50am and finishes at 3.15pm. Nursery starts at 8.45am 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.

Nursery children to be dropped off and collected at the main hall door and Reception children at the side entrance near Buddies.

Staff are always available to chat about your child but mornings can be a very busy time so (if possible) please try to catch staff at the end of the school day. We are aware that some parents would prefer to discuss things more privately or at more length; in these instances, staff are happy to chat over the phone or we can arrange a meeting in school - 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 also have a sound book to practice the phonemes that they are being taught that week. It is very important that the children practice saying the 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.

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

The children will also have a key ring with some Common Exception Words to learn. These are words that need to be read by sight - the children should not try to blend them (sound them out). These words will be changed when they can read them correctly on 3 occasions at school.

Nursery and Reception children will be bringing home a school library book that they have chosen themselves; please share this book at home, talking about the story (plot and characters) as well as looking at the illustrations.

Library books will be changed every Monday.

Library books / reading books will only be renewed if the previous book has been returned to school.

Homework

Reading Eggs: This is a fun, on-line resource that helps children to develop their phonics and reading skills. Please encourage your child to continue to access this weekly, as it supports their learning in school.

Classroom Secrets: This is an on-line educational resource that offers a wide range of games and activities.

There is also a termly homework challenge sheet full of fun practical activities to complete at home. These can be returned to school at any time throughout the term.

Reception children will also have specific tasks to support the learning in school each week.

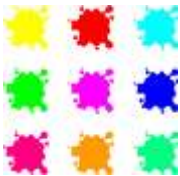
Curriculum



Autumn 1 - we are focusing the topics: Seasons, All About Me, Health Eating and Harvest. Some of the books that we are using to support our learning are: Supertato, Farmer Duck and Funnybones.



Autumn 2 - we will continue to think about the seasons and how our environment changes, Light and Dark and Christmas.



Nursery Colours

Throughout the Autumn Term, 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 School every Friday morning - please ensure that your child is wearing suitable clothing for the weather.

As learning outside is an essential part of the EYFS curriculum, we access our outside areas throughout the day/week, so please ensure that a waterproof coat and trousers (or an all-in-one) and a pair of wellies are left in school at all times.

Reception will have a PE lesson on Monday afternoon (starting on Monday 20th September). Please send your child to school wearing their PE kit on this day. If the weather is nice, we will be outside for the lesson. Please ensure that trainers have Velcro fastenings (unless your child is able to tie their own shoe laces).

Marvellous Me

Marvellous Me is used in school to send messages home to keep you updated with the great things that your child does in school as well as being a useful way for staff to contact you with reminders and information about activities happening at school.

Please make sure that you are signed up to Marvellous Me and have installed the app on your phone.

Tapestry

Please ensure that you have accepted the invitation sent to your email to enable access to your child's Tapestry account. We will use this link to send you regular photos of the activities that your child completes at school. It is a lovely way to share these magical moments and at the end of the year, all of these will be shared with you in a PDF format for you to download.

We will also include some assessment information on some observations so that you can track your child's progress.

We encourage parents to add comments to the photos and observations uploaded by staff as well as uploading photos of achievements / experiences at home.

If you have any problems accessing these online resources, please contact Mrs Dunn in the office.

Many thanks for your continued support.

The EYFS team