Welcome to the Autumn Term in Reception

Firstly, we would like to welcome you all and congratulate all the children on a fantastic start to the school year. It has been great to see how quickly the children have settled.

Literacy

This term we will be focusing on becoming familiar with our environment and making lots of lovely new friends. We will be working on our communication and language skills to support this as well as our social skills such as turn taking. We will also begin to learn our letter sounds through daily phonic sessions using the Read Write Inc. programme. This programme also enables us to work on our pencil grip and control which supports us when forming our letter sounds. We will be reading a variety of familiar books to develop our literacy skills in Drawing Club.



Tapestry

Your child's learning will be documented using the Tapestry online learning journey. Each observation by staff will be submitted and will be able to be accessed by yourselves at your leisure.

We found it a very useful tool last year and really enjoyed parents contributing activities that children had done outside of school.

If you have any questions regarding this please see your child's class teacher.

Tapestry will take a couple of weeks to set up, so please be patient with us!

Maths

In Reception we use the 'Maths no problem' programme to support and develop our Numeracy skills. We will be exploring numbers in great depth and investigating their properties. The children are going to be matching and sorting, comparing amounts and sizes, and using books and songs to deepen their understanding of number.



Clothing

Please ensure all clothes are clearly and permanently named including shoes.

We ask children to have a coat in school for colder weather as we will be outside in all weathers. It is also advisable for children to have a pair of wellies in school at all times. Please can children have a spare change of clothing, including underwear and socks. This can be kept at school in the bags we provided in the Summer Term.

P.E

Mrs Boyle will be teaching Reception PE every **Wednesday.**

Just a reminder – your children will need:



- A healthy lunch box (if they are not having hot lunch)
- A separate **named** water bottle for the classroom
- Book bags are preferred over rucksacks, due to space on pegs.
- **Clearly named uniform including shoes, snack pots, lunchboxes and water bottles.**
- **We have a nut allergy in class. Please do not send nuts or nut products into school.**

If you ever have any questions then please come and make an appointment at the end of a day, or alternatively, you can contact us by email on:
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