

# Welcome to the Autumn Term in Reception



2023

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 will be submitted online and will be able to be accessed by yourselves at your leisure.

We will be sending further details about how to log on in the coming weeks. We will also share more information about Tapestry during a pop-in afternoon session.

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.

## 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. The children will be using natural resources around the classroom such as shells and pebbles to count and add numbers together.



## 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, underwear and socks in their book bags.

## P.E

We are lucky to have Mr. Cox from Jersey Sport leading PE sessions each week.

### Just a reminder – your children will need:

- A healthy lunch box (if they are not having hot lunch)
- A separate water bottle for the classroom
- Their book bag.
- Clearly named uniform including shoes.



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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