

Curriculum Letter

Autumn Term

PE days	Monday and Wednesday (no earrings on this day please) come to school wearing full school PE kits.
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Dear Parents,

We hope your child has enjoyed their first week in Reception, we have certainly enjoyed meeting and getting to know every single one of them!

During this half term we shall be settling into our new classroom and school, making new friends, learning about ourselves and families.

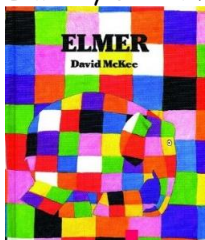
As a school we use class dojo as a way of communicating between home and school. Please send messages via the app and we will do our best to reply. Whole school messages may appear in the school story and we also have a class story where we upload information.

The children have a planner in their bag with needs to come to school daily. Messages can also be written in there if you need to. The children will be sent home with phonics/ reading so please use the planner to log this. We expect the children to practise phonics/ reading a minimum of 3 X per week at home so please log in the planner each time. Those children who have logged 3 or more reads at home will have their name entered into a reading raffle.

To help your child collect their possessions, please can you ensure that their uniform and belongings are clearly labelled with their name. Please practise putting on jumpers, cardigans and coats, particularly when inside out and using a knife and fork. This would be greatly appreciated. Each child will need a pair of named wellies and waterproof trousers to leave in school for our weekly outdoor learning lessons. Please ensure they are in school before Friday 11th September.

Reception children have toast in the morning for those who have paid via ScoPay. Children who do not have toast can bring one snack for morning snack. This can be fruit, vegetables or a healthy snack. No cereal bars and nothing containing nuts please. All children will receive a free snack of fruit in the afternoon.

Please look out for the newsletter each week with important dates about upcoming events. If you haven't already it is also worth following the school Facebook page and the PTFA Facebook page.

Autumn 1 All about me	Autumn 2 Autumn Days and nights
Elmer by David McKee 	The Little Red Henning 

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Amazing by Steve Antony



The Leaf Thief by Alice Hemm



Our main writing focus this term will be name writing and beginning to apply phonics into CV and CVC words. We will also begin letter formation rhymes linked with phonics.

Our reading focus is all about recognising letter sounds for all set one sounds and beginning to blend CV and CVC words with confidence.

In our maths work we will focus on sorting, comparing and patterns, as well as exploring shapes and numbers to 5 in detail.

We will also do lots of work on other areas of the curriculum this term so please see our curriculum overview on the website for more details: <https://www.balshawlane.co.uk/early-years-curriculum/>

We have a welcome meeting for all reception parents on **Monday 14th September 3.30pm.** Please attend if you can. We also have a Phonics meeting for parents on **Wednesday 30th September.** This will be in the school hall at 6pm and will last around 30 minutes. Phonics is a subject of real importance here at Balshaw Lane so your attendance would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you,

Mrs Ashworth and Mr Telford