

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, who is in our family and learning about our own bodies through stories and activities. We will be drawing and painting our self-portraits.

As a school we have recently launched class dojo as a means of communication between home and school. You should have received your letter and connected to the class but if you are having any trouble please see a member of staff.

We will no longer have an individual planner for each child. We are going to use BoomReader to log when your child has read at home and at school. Log in details will be sent out shortly. Please read with your child at least 3X per week and log it on BoomReader. Once we have established our phonics we will begin sending the phonics books according to where your child is at. A phonics meeting is planned for Wednesday 24th September at 5pm and I would advise all reception parents to attend for more information on how to support your child with reading. Wordless books will be sent home next week to practise storytelling and promote language development. These books will be changed regularly. Each week the children will select and bring home a bedtime book. This is a book to be shared with your child and read by a grown up, ideally at bedtime. We will aim to swap books every Tuesday.

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 12th September.

Reception children have toast in the morning for those who have paid via Sco Pay. 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.

Dates for the diary:

Stay and play for parents- Thursday 16th October 9.15-10.00 (approx timings)

Our Christmas stay and play will be Friday 5th December at 9.30am. More details to follow.

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Our focus texts this term will be:

Autumn 1 All about me	Autumn 2 Autumn Days and nights
Elmer by David McKee 	The Leaf Thief by Alice Hemming 
Amazing by Steve Antony 	Owl Babies by Martin Waddell 

Our main writing focus this term will be correct letter formation, following the Read Write inc. mnemonics. Using these, we will encourage name writing and begin writing CV words and CVC words.

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/>

Thank you

Mrs Ashworth and Mrs Hamilton