



Reception Newsletter



Autumn Term 1

We would like to welcome our new and returning students to Reception. We hope that you have had a lovely summer and your child is excited to be starting Reception. We are looking forward to getting to know you better and exploring our new classrooms together.

Topic

What do I know about me?

This half term we will be exploring ways that we are the same and different to people around us. We will also be thinking about our own families and comparing them to other families.

Also, we will explore where we come from and compare our lives to other people around the world. We will look at our homes and the homes of other people around the world.

We would ask that you send over your family's heritage on ClassDojo to your teacher for the upcoming topic, as well as any relevant pictures. Also, anything interesting that you know about your culture.

English

This half term we will be looking at a variety of books linked to our whole class topic. These books will include *The Colour Monster*, *Whiffy Wilson* and *The Smeds and the Smoos*.

We will explore different books and discuss key events in stories. The children will learn about the different features of a book, such as the title, author and illustrator. We will also discuss different characters thoughts and feelings at specific events in stories. We encourage children to share their thoughts on books so that we can better understand the types of books that they enjoy engaging with.

Phonics

In phonics this half term we will continue to explore the 7 aspects of phase 1 phonics. These aspects are:

- **Environmental sounds**
- **Instrumental sounds**
- **Body sounds**
- **Rhythm and rhyme**
- **Alliteration**
- **Voice sounds**
- **Oral blending and segmenting**

We will begin to introduce Phase 2 phonics sounds. We follow a scheme 'Rocket Phonics'. Your child will receive phonics flashcards for homework. Please support your child by practising these sounds at home.

<https://www.phonicsbloom.com/uk/game/list/phonics-games-phase-1> has fun games that your child can play online to help them with this at home.

Mathematics

In mathematics this half term we will look at comparing and sorting into different groups. We will be exploring objects that are the same and objects that are different and grouping them.

We will then progress onto looking at patterns. We will start by looking at simple AB repeating patterns, such as red, blue red, blue, and extend these patterns. Once the children have secured this, we will progress onto ABC repeating patterns, such as red, blue, green, red, blue, green. The children will focus on finding and extending these patterns.

We will also be exploring circles and triangles. We will find these in our environment and explore the properties of each of the shapes.

Number blocks is a useful tool to assist your child in their understanding of numbers. These can be found on BBC iPlayer.

Now the weather is getting colder please ensure your child has a warm waterproof coat, hat and gloves in school every day. Please label everything with your child's name.



We also have a large number of children who haven't brought in a pair of wellington boots. Please send some in as soon as possible so your child can experience outdoors in all weathers.

As we get lots of wet socks in the winter months please ensure your child has spare socks in their book bags.

We share lots of our learning on our social media sites. Please ensure that your child's consent forms are up to date at the office so we can share your child's learning.

Website: www.boarshawprimary.co.uk

Facebook- Boarshaw Primary School

Twitter- @BoarshawP



Reading

Please remember to read with your child every night. Your child needs repetition to be able to begin reading on their own. To begin with your child will receive a reading book with no words, please discuss the pictures in the story and ask your child the questions at the back of the book to develop their understanding.

Your child will receive a Library book and this will be changed weekly. You can share this library book with your child and discuss what has happened in the book and try to predict what will happen next.

Please bring their book bag into school every day.

Useful websites

Please find below a list of useful websites for you to explore with your child.

www.phonicsplay.co.uk - free games from the phase 1 section.

www.topmarks.co.uk - use the early years section to explore different areas of learning.



We still have a small number of parents who haven't accessed Tapestry. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you need any assistance accessing these.

Remember to share with us your child's achievements on Tapestry. This could be them learning to ride a bike, a special picture or something they have made. Please share what you can as the children love to share these pictures with the class.

PE Kits

Please send the following PE Kit into school for your child:

- White T-shirt
- Black shorts
- PE pumps

PE Kits will stay in school each week. We send PE kits home at the end of the half term to be washed and returned to school the following term.

Things my child needs for school every day:

- Coat with a hood
- Book bag and reading book
- Water bottle

Labelling

Please label all your child's belongings- coats, cardigans, jumpers, water bottles, PE Kits.

This just makes it easier for us to return items when they are misplaced or mixed up.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support. If you have any questions or would like any further information please speak to your child's class teacher or contact them on Dojo.

Mrs Dunn (Clownfish Class Teacher)

Mrs Greenhalgh (Blue Tang Class Teacher)