

# Reception Year – Term 1 Information

## Welcome to Reception

Welcome to Reception, we hope you had a lovely summer holiday and your children are ready for their exciting journey through our school. We are really looking forward to getting to know your child well and building positive relationships with you in order to ensure your child's first term at school is successful and fun. We are already thrilled at how well they have settled!

At the start of each new term we will send home a newsletter outlining some of the learning for the forthcoming weeks, key information and ideas for how you can help support your child's learning at home. Please do not hesitate to ask any questions you may have.

### Our learning this term

We will follow your children's interests and promote independence in their learning journey which will mean the children determine the focus of our planning, resulting in 'planning in the moment' on a day-to-day basis. Each day is different and brings a new interest and chance to explore the children's worlds.

Our general routine will consist of short periods of adult-led teaching followed by lengthy child-initiated play. This will allow the children to become deeply engrossed in their chosen activity and the adults will then engage with them to scaffold their learning. However, this first term lends itself well to exploring their new environment, the adults within and understanding the rules and routines of school life.

Children will have regular phonics teaching and opportunities to develop their English skills through listening to a broad range of literature and through re-telling and acting out their own stories (known as Helicopter stories). Children will also have many opportunities to develop their mathematical knowledge and understanding through both their play and adult-led inputs. They will become increasingly secure in their knowledge of number and the number system, of making sets and creating patterns using a variety of manipulatives. In addition, children will have a tennis coach in to support their physical development in relation to tennis skills (no PE kits required!). There will also be discrete Religious Education and music exploration opportunities throughout the term.

### Key Information

- Your child will soon be coming home with a book of their choice from our classroom book corners and a reading record book for you to record in. These will be changed by the children on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Please ensure your child has their book and reading record in their book bag every day as they will be reading with an adult in school regularly. We will send further details out shortly. In the meantime, please continue to take as many opportunities as possible to share books with your child, discussing the pictures and predicting possible events.
- Please remember to send your child in daily with their water bottle.
- Welly boots can also be sent in and left in school for those 'wet and muddy' play opportunities!
- Don't forget, if you are happy for your child to have a family photo displayed in the classroom (no names), then we would much appreciate this.

