

# Reception Year – Term 1 Information



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 and to 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 in and how comfortable they seem in our setting! 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 means 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 it 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 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, making sets and creating patterns using a variety of manipulatives. There will also be discrete Religious Education and music exploration opportunities throughout the term allowing them to learn new skills and about the world around them.

## Key Information

- Your child will soon be coming home with a book of their choice from our early year's library box and a reading record book for you to record in. Book changing will happen in colour groups on the days as follows: Monday – Blue Group, Tuesday – Red Group, Wednesday – Green Group, Thursday - Yellow Group. Your child will be read with weekly by a teacher or teaching assistant. We will send further details out regarding reading books coming home once the children begin their exploration of phonics.
- Please remember to send your child in daily with their clear and named water bottle.
- With all of our bookbags looking the same, we do not mind if your child has 1 keyring on their bag as an identifier.
- 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 and have not given one in already, then we would love to have a photo to share with your child.
- The decision has been made for PE kits to stay at home under the current circumstances. Our PE sessions will begin next term and further details of when to send your child in in their PE kit will follow.