

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 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. The day your child will need to bring their book in for changing will depend on their colour group and is as follows: Red – Monday, Blue – Tuesday, Yellow – Wednesday and Green – Thursday. We will send further details out regarding reading once the children begin their exploration of phonics.
- Please remember to send your child in daily with their water bottle.
- The decision has been made for PE kits to stay at home under the current circumstances so any that have already come in will be sent back home.
- Good News! We are now able to provide snacks for the children.
- Each week, we will be updating our EYFS webpage (<https://www.bridge.kent.sch.uk/pupils/classes/eyfs>) with photos and comments of things that have taken place during the week. Next week, we will also be uploading a phonics video outlining our style of phonics teaching and resources that will be coming home alongside their reading to support their learning.
- Parent Consultation will be taking place on Wednesday 7th October, 4-7pm and Thursday 8th October, 9-11am and 2-5pm and will be held over zoom or telephone. Details of booking appointments will be available closer to the time.