

Welcome to Class One.

I know many of you know me well already but I am conscious we have some new families joining us for the first time, so please ask away if there is anything you are unsure of.

We are a mixed class of Reception and Nursery children who learn and play together. I am the class teacher (Mrs Lee) for all your children on a Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, Mrs Hamlet is the class teacher on a Wednesday. We are supported by Mrs Grant-shaw all week. Mrs Short works with the children on a Thursday afternoon and she will be seeing your child home at the end of the day. It will take us a little while to get to know all your faces, so please give us a wave at the end of the day if we are looking a little confused! If anyone new is collecting your child, please let me know in the morning, as we are unable to let a child go without permission.

This term our whole school topic is Hidden Treasures. We will be searching for the hidden treasures within our local community, including the local people, environment and wildlife. Alongside our whole school topic, we use carefully chosen core texts to spark the children's imagination and develop a love of stories. These high-quality books are shared regularly and revisited to help children build familiarity with language, structure, and vocabulary. Through storytelling, role-play, and discussion, children deepen their understanding and begin to retell and adapt stories in their own words. These rich experiences lay a strong foundation for early writing, encouraging children to express their ideas confidently and creatively.

How may I help my child?

Autumn Term is a big step for the children moving into Reception. They will have daily phonic and number sessions which will progress rapidly. Your child will be bringing home their first reading book this week. A big thank you to everyone that attended the parents' information meeting, I hope you found it helpful. If you were unable to attend the meeting, I have sent your child home with all the information, but please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any further questions. I can't stress enough the value of reading regularly with your child. It opens the door to so many different areas of learning.

TEAMS is a vital method of communication between home and school so please check our TEAMS page regularly. Each week, I will post a brief outline of the week's learning and some ideas for short/fun activities that can be worked on at home to help consolidate our learning in class. This has become an invaluable link between home and school life, with an aim to communicate learning with you in a fun and meaningful way for your child. I will also post pictures of your children in school and their work, so you can celebrate their achievements at home. If your child is completing any little challenges at home, please feel free to post any pictures/comments of your child's work on Teams so I can reward them in school for their efforts.

At Burton Agnes School, we follow the White Rose Maths scheme of work. Parents are able to access the White Rose Maths website for free, where you can find lots of practical ways to help your child develop their problem solving skills and love of number. Simple activities like counting to twenty in the car on the way to school, or counting the peas on your dinner plate are simple but extremely effective. Now the children have moved into Reception, there is an expectation that they will tackle day to day tasks increasingly independently. For example; dressing and undressing for PE, putting their coats on and zipping them up, using a knife and fork at dinner time. These little changes help your child to develop confidence and resilience in a busy school environment. Helping your child to practise these skills at home would be much appreciated, as well as sending the children in clothes that are easier to manage on PE days. Tights and pinafore dresses are often tricky ones. PE lessons will take place on a Wednesday and Thursday. Please leave PE kits in school and we will send them home each half term for a wash!

The children in Nursery will be spending time getting to know the routines of school life. Simple routines like saying goodbye to a parent at the door, before walking into school on their own, demonstrate a secure and independent child who is ready to learn. They will take part in daily group activities working on their speaking and listening skills, and will begin to form those special friendships that will last throughout their school life. Taking turns, learning to share toys and resources, and listening to and helping others are all essential skills that can be worked on both at home and in school.

If your child remains in school for a school dinner, please support us in encouraging them to use a knife and fork, independently to eat their dinner. This will help make dinner times a stress free and enjoyable experience for everyone.

Please don't hesitate to contact the school if you have any concerns. My door is always open.  
Mrs Lee