



Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely summer holidays! It has been great to see all of the children back this week settling into our routines. Welcome to our new starters: Ryan, Leelou, Riley, James and Ernie in reception. Mrs Fordyce and Mrs Roche will be working in Acorn class assisting Miss Carter.

School times - School starts at 8:30am and finishes at 3:00pm. Doors open at 8:30am. The entrance and exit is via the hall doors. Please be punctual to these times where possible as the children begin their learning at 8:40. Thank you for your cooperation. Nursery children's finish time can vary depending on the hours you book. (11:30am, 12pm, 1pm or 3pm).

Morning routine - The children find their peg to hang their bags, put their water bottles away and wash their hands. They then find their acorn with their name on. Nursery have to recognize their name, reception have to trace their name using a pen and place their acorns in the box. The children then have some time in the provision to complete various activities linked to our topic.

Snack - If your child would like milk at snack time, you need to order and pay for this online at: <https://www.coolmilk.com/register>, this is free until the age of 5 but you do still need to order it. If your child was in nursery last year, you will need to log in and alter their days they receive milk to every day rather than the days they used to attend. The children receive fruit free at snack time; however, we like to offer special snacks linked to our topic and celebrations that are happening. If you would like to make a voluntary contribution towards this of £3.60 for the term it would be greatly appreciated. Please hand in to Miss Carter.

Tapestry - We hope you enjoy seeing updates of your child's learning in school. We would be grateful if you could like an observation of your child once you have seen it or add a comment if you wish. If there are any moments outside of school that you would like to share, we would love to see them. If you could upload an observation to Tapestry then this allows us to look at it and share it with the class in school. If you are unsure on how to use Tapestry then see Miss Carter.

Homework - Reception: as we begin to teach your child phonics over the next couple of weeks, we will start sending home letters that they have learnt to practice with at home. Your child will now have a book to practice at home, at first, the books do not have any words but we encourage you to discuss the pictures with your child to enhance their vocabulary.

P.E - Your child's PE kit should be in school all week. We will send them home on a Friday to be washed. They will need black shorts, a white top and trainers. Please remember no jewellery is allowed for health and safety. If your child has earrings in please remove.

Clothing - Please make sure your child has appropriate clothing depending on the weather. They should also have a spare change of clothes, which can stay on their peg in case they need to be changed. Please make sure all items have names in. Your child should have a pair of wellies kept in school and should bring a coat as we do go outside whatever the weather! Thank you.

Our topic this half term is '**All About Me**' we will be exploring this topic in a variety of ways please see the attached topic plan. The role play area is a home corner this half term. This is an area where the children can develop their speaking and listening skills, by imitating home routines such as mealtimes. We have lots of equipment and toys for the children to play with! I am sure lots of fun will be had in here by the children.

If you have any washed yoghurt pots, egg boxes etc that the children love to use for junk modelling then please bring them in as we are running low! If you have any queries please do not hesitate to ask.

Miss Carter.