



Reception Newsletter - Term 1

Date: Monday 7th September 2026

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We are so excited to welcome the new Reception children into the Peacocks classroom.

Term 1 focus

Every term in reception, we will be looking at 2 key books and nursery rhymes. This term our key books are: Owl Babies and The Little Red Hen. Our key nursery rhymes are: Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes; 1,2,3,4,5 Once I caught a fish alive and Nelly the Elephant.

This term we would love to create a display about the children and their families. **If you have any pictures of your child's family or important people in their life, please send them in so we can use them in this display!**

Important things to know:

- If your child is coming to school with a bike at any point, please ensure that these are walked with when on school grounds to avoid any injuries to themselves or others.
- Throughout the year, your child will be going on welly walks to and around the field. For this, your child will need to bring in a **pair of wellies**. These are to be stored at school and please ensure that these are labelled with your child's name.
- As the weather gets colder and wetter, we would like to remind you that your child will need a waterproof, warm coat daily as we love to go outside in all weathers where possible.
- Our PE days are on **Thursdays** so we ask that your child comes in wearing their PE kits on Thursdays – they will not be getting changed at school.

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- Please can all clothing and other items that belong to your child be **labelled** (this prevents them from going missing!).
 - The children are offered a piece of fruit at snack times. They are allowed to bring in their own snack for this, however, it must be a healthy snack (e.g. fruit, cheese, yoghurt, etc).
 - Within the first few weeks your child will come home with a few different books.
 - Reading book - we expect you to read with your child at least 3 times a week. Every 30 reads your child does at home, they receive a prize!
 - Reading record - this is for you to write a small comment of how your child read their reading book with you.
 - Sounds of the week – This includes what they have learnt in phonics that week. To support your child in making progress in phonics, it is recommended that you go over the sounds, words and sentences that are new that week, as well as, recap previous learning in their phonics. Please visit this website for more information about how phonics is taught within our school <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>
 - Tapestry consent letter – For those children who did not attend our onsite nursery, your child will be coming home with a letter about Tapestry. Tapestry is the online platform that we use to record our observations and is a great way to see what your child has been up to at school!

We encourage you to look at Tapestry to keep update to date with what your child is learning at school 😊

We understand that there is a lot of information at the beginning of the year so please feel free to come and chat to me about any questions or queries that you have or email the school office at admin@rodbournecheney.swindon.sch.uk

Best wishes,
Miss Armishaw