



St. Anne's Catholic Primary School



Welcome to Reception!

Dear Parents, carers and children,

We would like to warmly welcome you and your families to Reception! We are super excited to welcome your children into our school and have the opportunity to grow and succeed in Reception. We have lots of exciting and engaging activities and opportunities planned for your children throughout the year, that we hope they will be fully immersed in. We know how important this first year is, in developing your child's personal, social and emotional development alongside many other areas of learning.

We are immensely excited about sharing this special year with you and your families and to continue growing, learning and developing together in partnership.

During our time together we will support you, and encourage the children to reach their goals and potential as well as challenging them to enable them to become resilient young people.

Miss Whiteside and Mrs Litherland

Reception Curriculum Themes

Autumn Term

The term will begin with our theme '**Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds.**'. This is a topic based on children developing an understanding of their own feelings and emotions and the effects a healthy lifestyle can have on our bodies.

After half term we will have a focus on '**Our World.**' The children will be exploring all about the people who help us.

Spring Term

During the Spring Term the children eagerly learn lots of exciting, new things about '**Explorers**' and going on lots of their own adventures around the world with Brunel Bear.

Spring 2 is time to join the '**Animal Kingdom.**' We will be learning about growing and the lifecycles of chicks and frogs, and using our knowledge to create information texts. We will also be exploring the topic of dinosaurs and fossils.



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Summer Term

The Summer Term theme is '**We are Scientists**'. The focus for reading and writing will be all about Space and we will explore the Astronauts Mae Jemison and Neil Armstrong. Through this topic we will be learning about the weather and some different properties of materials.

The topic for the second half of the Summer Term is '**We are Creative**'. We will be exploring our school environment and looking after our world through recycling.

Reception PE

Reception will have P.E. days on a Wednesday and a Thursday.

We would like the children to come **in to school** in their full school PE kit on these days, with their school jumper/ cardigan over the top to keep them warm during the school day. Trainers or black pumps should also be worn with the PE kit.

Even though children will be coming into school in their P.E. kits, we ask that you still practice getting changed and unchanged at home, fastening and unfastening buttons and zips etc. Children will need to be able to put on their own waterproofs when they go into our outdoor area.



Homework

The children are set their reading books online on a Tuesday.

- Reading (1 book per week) which can be read every night and the key questions asked and game to be completed.
- Weekly English or Maths tasks (on Class Charts)

In addition to this, we ask that you practice letter formation and name writing at home.



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Equipment for Reception

School uniform, book bags and coats should all be clearly labelled please!

School book bags should be used, due to limited space in the cloakrooms.

Colouring books and pencil cases for wet play are welcomed.

Waterproofs and labelled wellies to be kept in school.

Please send in water bottles every day. No Juice!



Communication

It is extremely important for the staff, parents and pupils to build up a partnership in September. There will be daily posts on our Twitter feed (@eyfs), as we love to show you the wonderful things that the children are doing.

We will also provide half termly Knowledge Organisers and emails for important reminders.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact us through the school office. We really care greatly about your child and appreciate your continued support.

With many thanks,

The Reception team

Miss Whiteside, Mrs Litherland, Mrs Scott and Mrs Carter

