Key Outcomes

Our key outcomes for Reception children at Tanworth:

* I am an independent and curious learner.
* I can seek challenge to reach my full potential.
* I can build my resilience by having the opportunity to express and explore my feelings.

Reception Newsletter

"In God's family learning, loving, growing to be our very best"

25th September 2026

Welcome to Reception's newsletter. Here you will find a simple planning guide for the learning taking place over the next week, reminders and key dates.

Literacy

* We have started and will continue with Squiggle whilst you Wiggle. Squiggle Whilst You Wiggle is an early writing program incorporating dance, music and large movements to help children develop the muscle control they need for writing. It is great fun! Check out the video on Tapestry.
* We have been looking at the story of The Little Red Hen and next week we will be sequencing the story and learning how a story map can help us. We will be acting out the story using small puppets.

Maths

* We have been learning lots of number songs which the children have enjoyed. https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/nursery-rhymes-counting-songs/zn67kmn
* Next week we will begin to Match, Sort and Compare numbers and objects in different ways. In our school we follow the White Rose Maths scheme supported by the Mastering Number scheme.

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Phonics

Phonics Bug

* We use Phonics Bug to teach phonics in Reception. This week we will continue to learn the Phonics Bug alphabet song.
* We will be looking at rhyming words by making rhyming soup.
* We will be completing the reception baseline assessments
* We will be practicing writing our names.

Events Calendar

* 1st October, MENU CHANGE
* 2nd October School Photos
* 8th & 9th October Open Classroom after school more details to follow.



Themes

Our theme this half term is called 'Marvellous me in Autumn' We have been thinking about how we have felt starting school and this week we have thought about our families and homes. This will continue next week and we will begin to look for signs of Autumn around our school and homes.

Staff in Reception

* Class Teacher Miss M. Evens
* Monday pm Mr P. Fidler. Mr Fidler will be teaching Music and R.E
* Teaching assistants Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday - Miss S.Buckingham. Thursday and Friday - Miss T. Chambers

Reading

This week we have sent home your child's first reading book. Inside the front cover is a sticker showing which days your child will change their book. We start with wordless reading books to develop the foundations of reading before the children are expected to decode words. They develop their storytelling and language skills as well as skills of prediction, sequencing and book handling. Please send books and their reading record into school everyday (except Thursdays).

Reminders

* PE is on Mondays and this half term we are working with Ben the P.E coach. **Children come in their PE kit for the day.**
* Outdoor Learning is on **Thursday mornings** led by Miss Chambers. Children need to come in their outdoor learning clothing (black, green joggers, plain black, green or white T shirt or top and jumper) and their waterproofs and wellington boots. Please can they come to school dressed in their puddle suit or wet weather gear. They will also need a bag for life to store their wet weather clothing in after the session and possibly some dry alternative clothing in case they get wet. **NO BOOK BAGS ARE NEEDED ON THURSDAYS**
* Please bring a coat everyday, we have had some sunny days with heavy downpours.
* Children will need a pair of wellies for OPAL lunchtime play which will start next week. These can be the same ones they use for forest school and can be kept at school.
* Don't forget to check your Tapestry account, all children have had photos added. Please make sure you have activated your account. Please ask if you are unsure.