

## 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.



## Planning for Autumn 1, Week 3 & 4

15th – 26th September 2025



# Reception Newsletter

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

Welcome to our fortnightly newsletter. Here you will find a simple planning guide for the learning taking place over the next two weeks, 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 created by Shonette Bason-Wood. It incorporates dance, music and large movements to help children develop the fine muscle control they need for writing. It is great fun!
- \* Ask your children what flipper flappers are, we use them when we squiggle!
- \* We will continue playing parachute games everyday to develop our shoulder muscles and listening and attention skills.

## Maths

- \* We will be singing number songs, such as 1, 2, buckle my shoe.
- \* There are lots of number songs to sing on <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/nursery-rhymes-counting-songs/zn67kmn>
- \* We will also be beginning to sort and notice numbers 1, 2, 3 around our environment.

## Phonics



- \* We use Phonics Bug to teach phonics in Reception. This week we will continue to learn the Phonics Bug alphabet song.
- \* We will be working on our listening skills by playing games.
- \* 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

- \* Reception school day starts at 8.55am and finishes at 3.15pm. We will open the classroom gate from 8.45am.
- \* Last day of the half term is Friday 24th October.
- \* Half Term is 27th - 31st October
- \* Keep an eye out for the parish magazine and the herald newspaper for our school starter photographs.

## Thank You



We are very proud of how all the Reception children have come into school this week. They have enjoyed exploring the classroom, getting to know the school routine, staff and making new friends.

It was lovely to meet so many of you at the home visits and it really has been valuable to help ease the transition into school!

## Home Learning

Does your child say nothing when you ask them what they did today? This is a big question for little people so try to narrow down your questions.

E.g. What did you have for lunch today? What did you do outside today? Who did you play with?

- \* Sing number songs - see link above.
- \* Get them to show you some squiggle while you wiggle moves!

## Reminders

- \* PE will be on Tuesdays starting on **Tuesday 16th September**. Children can come in, in their **PE kit for the day**.
- \* Forest School will be on **Wednesday mornings**, starting on **17th September**. Children need to come in, in Forest School clothing (clothes that cover legs and arms, e.g. joggers, leggings, long sleeved t-shirt) and their waterproofs and wellington boots. They will also need a bag for life to store their wet weather clothing in after the session. Please pack trainers if coming to school in wellies or you may wish that they change into wellies at school (see below).
- \* 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 by Monday 15th September. These can be the same ones they use for forest school and can be kept at school.

## Donations

Each fortnight we will put one or two things here that we are looking for to help develop our Reception classroom, outdoor area and learning. This is optional and only if you have any available.

- \* Flowering plants e.g. pansies



Although it is late in the season we would like the children to rejuvenate our outside pots before the weather turns.