



TRAWDEN FOREST PRIMARY SCHOOL

Class Topic Newsletter - Reception

Every child matters; every moment counts!



Dear Parents/guardians,

A very warm welcome to you and your child during this initial and very significant year. We are looking forward to getting to know your children, finding out their interests and how they learn. Together we aim to nurture your child's curiosity to learn about the world around them and develop key lifelong skills to support them throughout their school journey and beyond.

We will use the Tapestry Learning Journal when we complete observations of your child in both child initiated, play based learning and more adult-led focused activities.

All parents who returned the consent form will be sent an email link to activate their account. Once activated you will be able to see observations of your child when they are posted.

If you do not receive an email link within the first weeks please see Mrs Alcock and we will check your details and resend the link.



Booket List



Key Dates:

Friday 13th September Roald Dahl Day (Bring favourite book and dress up if they want).

Thursday 26th September – Non-Uniform Day (Please donate cakes for Macmillan Coffee Morning)

Friday 27th September – Macmillan Coffee Morning (9.15am – 11.15am)

Tuesday 1st October—Stay and play 1:15-2:15pm

Thursday 3rd October – National Poetry Day

Thursday 10th October – World Mental Health Day

Tuesday 15th October – Parents' Evening (time TBC)

Wednesday 16th October – Parents' Evening (time TBC)

Friday 18th October – School Closes



Our learning this half-term:

We will start the half term with the initial topic of 'We Are Family'.



Please could you send in any photos of your family for our 'family tree.'

Below are some initial activities for the areas of learning:

Communication and Language

Share stories related to ourselves. Talk about our families and share experiences.

Physical Development

Sing body action songs.

Learn about healthy eating.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

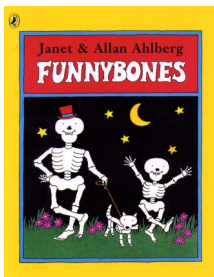
Learn about each other's personal likes, dislikes, hobbies, interests and families.

Literacy

Write the initial sounds for body parts

Read Funnybones.

Draw and label members of our family.



Mathematics

Rote counting, saying number names in order, counting objects, recognising number order.

Understanding the World

Explore our bodies and senses. Discuss significant family and community events.

Expressive Arts and Design

Make a self portrait and skeleton.

Sing and dance to body songs!

5 SENSES



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Birthdays!

Ben

P.E. will be on a Tuesday.

Your child will need a named P.E. kit in a separate P.E. bag to their book bag. Please can you also ensure they have a pair of named black pumps.

Homework:

Levelled reading books will be sent home after initial assessments are completed. Your child will also bring home a sounds and word pack linked to their phonics learning. Once your child has been taught a sound they will bring home a sound sheet to practise reading and letter formation.

More information will be sent with the books.

Support

your child at home by:

- Sharing books together
- Encouraging dressing and undressing.
- Visiting places of interest
- Practise counting and singing number rhymes.
- Play number games, which also develop turn taking.
- Encouraging writing and letter formation, including name writing.
- Exploring outdoors; gardening, nature walks
- Cooking, painting, creating together

Children have access to fruit snacks in the morning. You may like to send in a **healthy** snack for the afternoon—fruit, cereal bar, plain biscuit.

Children also have milk in the afternoon—please ensure you have returned the letter.

It is important to drink plenty of water. Please send in **water only** in a named bottle.

If you require any further information about the daily routines or how we can support your child further during their Reception year, just let a member of the Reception staff know.

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