

Curriculum Newsletter



Welcome to all our new families that are joining us in Reception this year. We are all excited to be working with you and making this year as fun and successful as possible. We have a fun packed year of learning ahead with several exciting topics planned to spark interest and wonder. Our first topic being 'All About Me'. We look forward to working alongside you and your child every day.

Miss Collison, Mrs Howard and Miss Winter

Books Bags

Letters for home will be shared via parent-mail but occasionally letters will go home in your child's book bag together with your school reading book when you have one. Please check these regularly.

Snack time and Lunchtime

We provide children with a snack every morning. There will be a steady supply of fruit and vegetables for snack time. The lunchtime menu will be shared with your child each day and it would be most appreciated if you could discuss the different food choices with your child to make their decision for lunch easier. If your child brings in a packed lunch on any particular day please can you ensure they are healthy choices with one small treat (remember we are a nut and seed free school). Please send your child in with a labelled water bottle, this must only contain water.

Uniform

Please make sure all your child's uniform is clearly labelled with their name. If you have any queries about uniform please speak to a member of staff. If your child is not confident with using the toilet, please bring in a bag with spare clothes including shoes. Children must also have a correct PE kit. Please remember their PE top must be the colour of your child's assigned house (please see welcome letter for this information). The house names and matching colours are: Darwin - yellow, Shakespeare - purple, Seacole - red, Turing - green, Pankhurst - blue.

Wellington Boots

Throughout the term we will be using mud kitchens, water trays and sand trays and what with the unpredictable English weather- it will get messy. Please send in a labelled pair of welly boots for your child to wear.

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What are we learning this term?

Maths

This term, we will develop children's understanding of number, counting and quantities, including recognising and representing numbers to 5 and beyond. Children will explore matching, sorting, comparing, patterns and shape, while developing their mathematical language

Writing and Mark Making

Children will be given many opportunities to develop their pencil grip as well as practice writing their name.

Tapestry

Observations of your child throughout the week will be uploaded to Tapestry where you can make comments and upload your own observations. You will be receiving an email to enable you to create your account. All children from our school's nursery accounts will continue. We encourage all parents to use tapestry as a form of communication and would love to share what the children are doing at both home and at school.

Phonics and Reading

This term we will begin our daily phonics lessons. The children will be learning the structure and routine of a phonics lesson. We will be teaching a sound a day, practicing recognition and writing.

Reading for pleasure

We will be having weekly visits to the library as a whole class. Each child will be able to choose a book to take home weekly. This will be for you to share with your child.

Reading practice

Once the children are settled into school we will be providing them with a book for practice. First your child may be given a book for you to read to them or a picture book to tell the story. When children are ready, we will send home their own reading book.