

Reception

Parent Newsletter  
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*A school where everyone shines.*

Welcome to Reception!  
 We hope you are ready for a busy half term; here is what we will be learning ;

<u>Learning Challenge—How do we make sense of the world?</u>	
	<p>Over the next two weeks we will be helping the children settle in to their new class and the routines of the school. We have started to think about ourselves and our families. During the term we will be exploring the world around us using our senses to help answer our learning challenge 'How do we make sense of the world?' We will be tasting different fruits, playing listening games and exploring different textures.</p>
<p><b><u>Letters &amp; Sounds</u></b></p> 	<p>The children will be starting phase 2 letters and sounds. They will be learning the sounds using Jolly Phonics songs and begin to be able to recognise initial sounds in words. They will also begin to build words using 2 sounds and then 3 sounds.</p>
<p><b><u>Literacy</u></b></p> 	<p>In Literacy, we will be using our sounds to read simple words. We will be reading rhyming stories and practising our rhyming skills. The children will be retelling and sequencing stories using pictures and drama.</p> <p>The children will be shown how to form their letters correctly and practise writing for different purposes.</p>

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Subject	
<p><b>Mathematics</b></p> 	<p>In maths, we will work on our counting and number recognition. We will be practising putting numbers into order and finding 1 more than a given number.</p> <p>In shape, space and measures, we will be looking at 2D and 3D shapes, recognising patterns and begin to compare length and height.</p>
<p><b>P.E</b></p> 	<p>P.E will be on Tuesday for Sparkling Sunbeams and Thursday for Mighty Moonbeams. The children each need named P.E kit., these will be sent home at half term for washing. You are welcome to take these home to freshen up before half term.</p> <p>In P.E, the children will explore ways of travelling using different parts of their body. They will be using apparatus to practising travelling.</p> <p>In addition to our P.E sessions, the children will continue to have a weekly multi-skills session on a Monday afternoon in which they will practise a range of skills.</p>

Please see over for information about homework and general notices. If you are unsure about homework tasks or would like more information on subjects your child will be studying please ask your teachers for help. It is vital we work together to ensure your child's success.

### Outdoor Play

The children will be using the outdoor learning area daily, please make sure they have suitable footwear and a named coat.

### Library

We will soon be starting our library sessions. This is on a Wednesday for Sparkling Sunbeams and a Friday for Mighty Moonbeams.

### Homework

The children will have homework to practice basic skills that we are using in school. It will be sent out on a Wednesday and collected in on Monday.

### Reading

The children have reading books to share at home, these will be changed either on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday. To start with the reading books will have no words as the children need to develop their story telling skills. Please support your child by reading with them regularly by talking about the pictures in the book and encourage to tell you the story using the pictures.

### How to help at home

Please share their reading books as often as possible and support the children to complete their homework tasks.

We would also appreciate if you could encourage the children to become more independent for example dressing themselves, putting on their coats and shoes.

The Reception Team