



Welcome to Reception!



Dear and Family,

I am looking forward to getting to know you and working together so that we have a very exciting and productive year. I hope that you enjoy the new challenges and approaches to learning that the first year at school has to offer!

Transition from nursery to reception

Our aim is to ensure that the children experience a smooth transition from their pre-school to Foundation Stage. The reception curriculum builds upon and extends the experiences that children have had in their pre-school setting. Learning through play will continue to be an important part of the school day, and the children will gradually be eased into more formal learning as the year goes on so that they remain motivated, enthused and eager learners. Please don't hesitate to come and see me either before or after school if you have any questions or queries.

Reading in Reception

Your child has been given a new book bag. Inside your child's book they have a 'letters and sounds' book. Each week as we learn new sounds we will put them in the book so that you can practice them together at home. They have also been given a book mark with some tricky words on them. Please can you help your child to learn to read these words. In time they will also need to be able to spell them when writing. We will be holding a phonics workshop one evening where you can come into school and learn about how we teach your child to read and write. Next term we will send home a reading book and reading record this will only happen once we have started to blend sounds together with the children teaching them how to read simple words.



General Reminders...

- The children will be doing **PE** on **Thursdays**. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school and that all items are clearly labelled. We encourage children to practise getting dressed at home to help them get changed quickly in school! Please can you remove your child's earrings on a Thursday.
- The children have been given a water bottle which they can access throughout the day. It is washed out every day, however it will come home during the holidays to be cleaned. Please remember to return it to school after the holidays.
- Homework will be sent home on a Monday in an orange book and will be due in the following Monday. The homework will either be literacy, numeracy or topic, based on work that is relevant to our learning. This hasn't started for reception yet.
- The children will choose a library book and a maths game to bring home on alternate weeks. If you are able to help co-ordinate this one afternoon each week then please come and see me. We will let you know when this starts.

Thank you for your continued support
Mrs T Wood