



Reception

Spring Term Newsletter

Welcome to the Spring term in Reception!

Reception School Day: 8.55am to 3.05pm (Entry from 8.40am)

Staff: Mrs Douthwaite, Miss Beckwith, Miss Wolfenden and Miss Hodgson.

Communication:

We will be using ClassDojo as our primary method of communication. All important messages, letters, and events will be posted on here as well as pictures of what your child has been learning every day. Please use the messaging services if you need to speak to Mrs Douthwaite or Miss Beckwith. We will use Tapestry to record observations of children's learning and progress. Please speak to a member of staff if you have any issues with using either of these apps.



Our Learning:

Alongside child initiated play, we will be using a range of topics to support and extend the children's learning.

Our Spring Term topics are:

Will you tell me a story?

What is Spring?



We will also be exploring seasonal changes, the Christian celebration of Easter and taking part in the Big Birdwatch Week!

Read for the Stars:

We ask that children in Reception read at least 4 times a week. Each read is recorded in our log and counts towards the children moving through the planets. The school expectation is that your child should reach The Sun in the Autumn term (after 60 reads) and should be on their way to reaching it again for the second time now. Please make sure you record in your child's reading record when they have read. We will let you know when your child has reached the Sun.



Birthdays:

We are a healthy school and a nut free school. Due to this, you will not be able to send any birthday cakes or treats into Reception if it is your child's birthday. On your child's birthday, all the children will sing 'Happy Birthday' and your child will receive a card from school.



Every Friday, Reception children will take part in their PE lesson. Children need to bring their PE kit in a bag with their name on each item of clothing. PE uniform is plain black shorts/jogging bottoms, green PE t-shirts (available to purchase from school) and plimsolls. As the weather gets colder, children will need to wear jogging bottoms and a plain black long sleeved jumper or hoodie.



The outdoor classroom is just as important as the indoor classroom. We use the outdoor classroom daily to support the children's development. Please ensure the children come to school dressed appropriately for the weather and bring labelled wellington boots.



Home Learning:

To support your child with their Phonics learning, we will be sending home a recap sheet of what the children have learnt that week. Please practise it with them to encourage the expected progress throughout the year.

Phonics