

Welcome to Reception

The first few weeks in Reception, the children will be settling into their new class, exploring their new environment and learning the routine and rules that we follow in school. The children will be talking about their favourite things, for example; what they like to play with, what their favourite food is and what they enjoy doing the most with their families. This will give the children an opportunity to communicate and share their experiences with their peers and help them to develop new friendships and a positive self-esteem.

This half-term, we will be using the book 'Wanda's Words Got Stuck' as our Narrative Immersion. The children will be completing different activities to cover the themes; emotions, transition and oracy.

The children will be describing different emotions, for example happy, sad, calm and angry, and how we may feel at certain times or events. They will be identifying ways to help others or themselves if they are

The children will be learning about people who help us in our school environment such as the caretaker who helps to keep our school safe and the cook who prepares our meals.

We look forward to an exciting and action packed half term!

Miss Ferns and Mrs Dean

Miss Ferns and Mrs Dean are the Reception class teachers. The Reception team also includes Miss Roberts, Mrs Thomas, Mrs Hancock and Mrs Worrall. Mrs Dewsbury is the Early Years Foundation Stage Assistant Principal and she will be teaching our PE lessons. Mrs Walsh teaches Art every week.

In Reception, we follow the Early Years Foundation Stage framework which sets the standards for the learning, development and care of children from birth to 5 years old. We ensure that the children have the knowledge and skills they need to continue their learning journey through school. Our morning consists of Literacy (Read Write Inc phonics and handwriting practice) and Maths. Our afternoon begins with an input linked to our Narrative Immersion, this is then further developed during child-initiated learning. Throughout the year, children explore and learn in both Reception classrooms and our outdoor area.

What does your child need to bring to school every day?

Please ensure that your child has a labelled water bottle in school every day so that they can access a drink of water throughout the school day.

Your child will need to bring their book bag daily. This will allow them to carry their Literacy folder and any work completed in school.

Children will access our Reception library after school with their parents/carers. This is open from 3.15pm – 3.30pm every day apart from a Wednesday.

Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. The school does not have a supply of spare clothes for children so it is essential that they are well dressed e.g. a waterproof coat with a hood for wet weather or a sun hat for hotter weather.

Your child must have wellies to be able to access the outdoor learning provision.

PE

Our PE day is Monday. Please make sure that your child has a named kit, which includes black pumps or trainers, black shorts and either a green or white t-shirt. Long hair needs to be tied back.

All earrings need to be removed before school or the lesson for PE sessions. Where ears have recently been pierced, it is essential that children have their own plasters from home to cover their earrings. This needs to be done either at home or by the child themselves. This is in line with the school policy.

Attendance

Excellent attendance is vital for achieving your child's potential. The classroom door opens at 8:40am for morning registration. There will be a member of the Reception team waiting at the classroom door to welcome your child. If you have a message for your child's class teacher, unless it is urgent, please email the year group address at reception@wistastonacademytrust.co.uk or alternatively arrange to speak to them at the end of the school day.

It is important that children arrive on time for school every day. This helps them to settle into the school day quickly and calmly. This has a positive impact on their ability to engage in their learning.

School finishes at 3.15pm and children need to be collected from classrooms at this time. Only adults on the collection consent list will be able to collect your child unless you have notified the class teacher.