



☀ Welcome to Reception! ☀

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome to the start of the new school year in Reception! We are so excited to have your children in our class and can't wait to get to know them better. This year will be full of fun, learning, and discovery, and we look forward to working closely with you to support your child's journey.

Settling In

The children have already begun exploring their new classroom and outdoor area, making new friends, and getting to know our daily routines. It has been wonderful to see their curiosity and excitement as they begin this new chapter. Please don't worry if your child takes a little time to settle – this is completely normal, and we will work together to help them feel happy and confident.

What We're Learning This Term



Our first book we are reading is 'Once There Were Giants', we are learning about ourselves, our families, and what makes each of us unique. The children will have opportunities to share their likes, dislikes, and special things from home, as well as exploring stories, songs, and activities linked to this theme.

We will also be focusing on:

Phonics: introducing letter sounds and beginning to blend simple words.

Maths: counting, sorting, and recognising numbers to 5 and beyond.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development: building friendships, learning to share, and following classroom routines.

Working Together

A key person has been assigned to each child. The key person is in charge of keeping track of your child's progress in each of the seven learning areas. As we encourage interaction between all staff and children, she won't be with your child all the time, but she will keep a close eye on him or her and lead focused sessions for them.

Your child's key person is **Mrs McDermott**

Please let your child's Key Person know about any worries, knowledge, and information you feel relevant. As much as possible, we want you to be active in their education.

We are so excited for the year ahead and look forward to sharing your child's Reception journey with you. Thank you for your support in making the start of the year such a positive experience.

Warm regards,

The Reception Team



AWARDS



Every week the staff look out for those children who are just that little bit extra special in the current week to award them one of our Achievers Certificates. It might be for lots of effort, fantastic presentation, super learning behaviour, lovely manners, being extra helpful or just that bit more determined than the others to finish their work accurately. They might just be an outstanding all-rounder.

Every Friday, two children are chosen to sit on the VIP table for their lunch. This week our awards go to

Achievers

Jaxon

Taha



VIPs

Elijah

Naila

REMINDERS

FS Fund



Please remember to pay £1 a week, per family, towards the FS fund. This helps us to buy some of the extras that enhance your child's learning, for example, play dough, ingredients, pasta, shaving foam, cooking ingredients, to name but a few.

Water Bottles



Please provide a separate water bottle (**no juice or flavoured water**) for your child to use during the day. Don't forget to put their names on it.

Labels



Please can you ensure that all your child's belongings are labelled-even shoes! Makes returning lost items easier for us and you!

PE



Our PE days are Monday and Wednesday; please send your child into school wearing their PE kits on these days.