

Reception in Autumn 1

Reminders:
Start time: 8:40
End time: 3:10

We ask for £1 each week to cover Snack in Reception. This can be paid weekly, termly or even for the year. Please pay in cash to classroom staff. This small contribution allows us to provide children with a healthy snack each morning.

Forest School is Monday

PE day is Thursday

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Welcome to Reception
This first half term is all about getting to know your children best. We will spend lots of time engaging with the children through play, learning their strengths and things to work on, and their likes and dislikes.

PSED
Our main focus will be settling the children into our school family, and working to know the class routine and expectations, thinking carefully about the behaviour expectations we have, and learning the school rules. Children will work together making new friendships, making good choices in play and sharing. This half term we will be recognising emotions, and what makes us feel different ways, and how we can help others.

Religious Education
As a Catholic School, Religion is at the heart of what we do. In Reception we will be thinking about creation and God creating us, making us all unique and special. We will learn how to make the sign of the cross, say the school prayers and introduced to a very precious book, the Bible.

Mathematics
We begin by counting together forwards and backwards to and from 20. Our primary focus is on numbers 1 to 5, thinking about representing the number in a given set using different objects - e.g. showing the same number on their fingers. We will be looking at naming quantities with number words, (e.g. "I can see 3."). Children will look at matching sets to numerals and making their own arrangements of amounts that can be subitised (look at an amount and recognise it instead of needing to count).

Physical Development
During PE sessions our focus will be around movement and different ways we can move our bodies, developing co ordination and balance. We will begin to recognise how our bodies react to exercise. Building on PE sessions, throughout each day we have access to the outdoor provision where we will ride bikes, climb and play different games. At dinner times we will be encouraged to use cutlery with confidence using knives, forks and spoons. We will also think about managing our own hygiene needs - toileting and washing hands particularly. As well as using scissors effectively for cutting and other tools with control and safety.

Understanding the world
We start by thinking about about ourselves and naming parts of the body incl. ankle, thighs, hips, stomach, chest, shoulders, elbow, neck & facial parts. Similarities and differences linked to ourselves and how to keep our body healthy. We will also looked at where we live. The leaf thief text provides an excellent starting point to discuss seasonal change - Autumn

Literacy
This half term we start straight away with phonics and will focus on learning Set 1 Read Write Inc. sounds. As we progress with teaching, check Tapestry for some videos to practice at home. Picture books will come home initially for you to share and create a story from beginning, middle and end is so important! This will be accompanied by a library book. Name writing and recognition will be high on the agenda, ensuring good pencil control, and letter formation. We will be looking at two texts, The leaf thief and The Gingerbread man this half term.

Expressive arts and design
This half term we will begin by thinking about what we look like, making self portraits as well as family pictures. We will have access to different tools to draw, colour and paint. Finger printing, colour mixing and collaging.

Key information and dates.
Please use Tapestry to upload things you have been doing at home as conversation starters in school, children love the opportunity to stand and talk through pictures etc. We do have an opportunity for children to do "show and tell", this is on a Monday only.
Harvest Festival - we invite the parents of Reception children to come into school and enjoy an assembly with work shared from all year groups and a good opportunity to be welcomed into the school family on the 10th October.
Macmillan coffee morning 26th September
Book fair WB 29th September
Parents Evening 15th October (after school)
Parents Evening 16th October (afternoon session).