



Reception Newsletter

Autumn Term 1

Welcome to Reception!

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Your teachers are Mrs Coogan (Rabbits) and Mrs Lowe (Owls).

We are very excited to welcome you and your children to the Mount Carmel family. We have a fantastic EYFS team who are keen to nurture and develop each child as they progress on their learning journey.

Experiences:

Our Lady's Birthday, Month of the Rosary, Harvest Festival

We will also have a visit from a grandparent and 'people who help us'.

PE Days	Home Learning	Important Dates
Our P.E. days are Thursday (Owls) and Monday (Rabbits). From March 2027 children need the following P.E. kit which will be kept in school. White T-Shirt Navy blue or black shorts Please make sure that earrings are removed for P.E. days.	Children's reading books are changed weekly. Children are expected to read at home for 10 minutes every day. Reading diaries must be signed each day. Please bring your reading book, reading record and book bag every day. Each child will have access to Numbots in school which they can also access at home. Numbots helps to support their mathematical skills. A letter will be given to you with their username and password.	Our Welcome assembly is on Thursday 24th September at 2.50pm - Parents Welcome. Harvest Festival 22nd October. Inset day - School Closed Friday 23rd October Half term - 26th October - 30th October. Children return to school Monday 2nd November. Parents evening - Wednesday 4th November

What we are learning this half term!	
English	Maths
We will take part in daily phonics sessions to support our reading skills. We will be learning about rhythm and rhyme, alliteration, using phonic knowledge to label pictures and read a range of picture books to develop our love of reading. Our key texts are: Hello Friend! - Rebecca Cobb My Hair - Hannah Lee Little Red Riding Hood - Mara Alperin The Ugly Duckling - Mara Alperin Amazing - Steve Anthony	We will focus on our knowledge of numbers 1-6, learning to count and subitise (looking at a number of objects and knowing the total). We will learn about patterns and shapes, days of the week and will begin to explore positional language.
SRE	RE
We will learn to identify special people and the importance of the nuclear family and of the wider family. We will learn about being close to and trusting special people and sharing if something is troubling us. We will also learn about people who help us such as paramedics and how first aid can be used in a non-emergency situation.	We will be learning all about how God created our wonderful world and everything in it. We will learn about how God made each one of us and how he loves everyone.
Understanding the World	Expressive Arts and Design
We will be talking about different families and what makes us unique and about our own family history. We will learn about people who help us in our local area. We will be using our senses to explore our natural world.	We will explore mixing colours and draw faces using different emotions. We will use music to help us talk about how it makes us feel and learn the names of instruments and how they are played alongside rhythm and pulse. We will listen to Beethoven. We will learn about the cartoonist Quentin Blake and create our own black and white pictures.
PSE	Physical Development
We will think about all the things we are good at and what makes us special. We will learn about 'zones of regulation' and how to communicate our own feelings and be considerate of others. We will identify conflicts in key texts we read and discuss how to solve them.	We will begin to look at different actions such as running, jumping and dancing. We will use large scale mark making to consolidate our letter formation and explore our new funky fingers to focus on fine motor skills and enjoy mark making activities.