



# Reception Newsletter

## Spring 1 2024

We had a wonderful Autumn 2 term, we learnt about: the composition of numbers 1-5; even more letter sounds and Red Words; found out about different celebrations and conducted experiments to discover how things change.

The new year brings many exciting opportunities, so don't forget to keep an eye on the school webpage, Tapestry and Facebook for events, dates, activities and much more.

This half-term, we will be: going to Imagine That in Liverpool, we are very excited!



Topic this half-term is 'People Who Help Us—real life Superheroes'.

We are finding about different occupations. In maths, we are learning about 3d shapes, numbers 5 – 8, and measuring mass and capacity. Have you heard of Piet Mondrian—ask us at the end of term and we can show you our art work inspired by him!

Look out for the Knowledge Organisers on the class pages on School Spider for more details.

**Times and Attendance:** At Newall Green Primary School attendance matters: the school target is 97%. Please see the school website for more information <https://www.newallgreen.manchester.sch.uk/page/attendance/83398>

The Reception gate opens at 8:45am, and shuts at 9:00am, as this is when the register is taken. Our school day runs until 3:15pm, after this the gate is opened for families to collect children from the class doors. The children are involved in activities from the moment they arrive until they leave, therefore we encourage you to make sure they are in school for the full day, every day.

If you are late or need to collect your child earlier you will need the relevant slip from the Whitehouse Centre or the main office. Unless a prior arrangement with Mrs Rudd has been made, we will not open the gate without one, as per our safeguarding policies. If you ring the bell, please be patient with staff as we are teaching from 9:00am until 3:15pm.

Please make sure you contact the office if your child is going to be absent. Thank you.

**Homework.** Your child will now be receiving their maths homework each week. It goes out on a Friday, to be completed by the following Thursday. We understand as parents you will want it to look lovely, or have all the correct answers. However, we encourage you to allow the children to complete it, with your support. We love to see their pictures, writing and work as it develops over the year. It also, enables us all to see any areas they are finding tricky so we can support them at home and school with their learning.

We are uploading a range of additional supportive activities on Tapestry, which you can have-a-go if you choose to. Please let us know by commenting and uploading photos. Phonics films and sheets will continue as before.

**Trip - Imagine That** Reception will be going to the science and discovery centre in Liverpool, on 1st February. We ask that you return your forms and payment as soon as possible. If you would like to pay in smaller amounts before we go, please speak to Siobhan in the office to set up a payment plan.

We ask for the children to wear full-school uniform and bring a coat. Don't worry about lunch, as school will provide a packed-lunch for each child.

We will be leaving promptly, so please make sure your child is in school on time as we cannot wait for individuals. We aim to arrive back by the end of the school day.



**Wellcomm** The children have been reassessed.

For those with ongoing targets, they will be continuing to work in small groups, on the areas highlighted. For some children we will also be sending activities, via Tapestry, that you can do at home to boost your child's development. If you have any questions about Wellcomm, please speak to the class teacher.

**Contact Details** Please make sure your child's contact details are kept up-to-date throughout the year. If you are not sure, contact the school office to check or make changes. This includes any changes to email accounts for Tapestry.

**Medical, Allergies, Dietary Requirements.** Please make sure your child's class teacher is aware of any medical needs, allergies, and dietary requirements (including intolerances or religious reasons) that your child may have. We will put in place the relevant paperwork to make sure the needs are noted. Thanks.

**Phonics** The children have been joining in with a phonics group which are suitable for their skills and knowledge. They are assessed by the Reading Lead frequently to ensure the children are in a group that is a suitable level of challenge and support to enable each one to make progress.

In the book bags and on Tapestry, the children have additional activities to support their phonics skills. As the children progress they will receive books. These books are sent home every day, so each evening the children can practice their reading skills with you. The books need to come back into school every day, so they can be used.

If your child is absent for a session we will encourage you to watch the films sent via Tapestry so they don't miss a sound, as we learn new sounds and words every day. Please support your child to be able to watch and follow the films. Thanks.



**Book Bags** Your child, will receive their one and only book bag. Please make sure it comes to school every day!

You will find a Bedtime Story Book for you to read to your child and talk about what happens, the characters and places. (These will be changed once a week on a Thursday.)

Your child will also receive additional learning resources to support their phonics learning at home and school: please complete these when they are added to your child's bag. These will be different for different children based on the stage they are currently at with their reading and writing.



**Tapestry** is an online learning journal, where photos, videos, comments and activities showing what the children do can be shared. Moreover, we share homework, additional learning activities, the phonics films and activities that can be completed at home, especially if your child is absent from school. We add memos and notices as well, for reminders, homework and information.

We invite you to upload your home adventures and/or learning as it will contribute to your child's journal as a record of their progress. The more you add, the more exciting your child's learning adventure will be to look back at, especially as it can be downloaded at the end of the year! Any issues, please also see the tapestry 'how to' videos on the class pages on the school website, or speak to a member of the Reception Team.

**Physical Education** In Reception, we make use of our outdoor space for developing the children's large movements and physical skills. We also have the opportunity for a weekly PE lesson in the hall. On Thursdays, the children can attend school in their PE kit. Don't forget to bring in suitable footwear for the rest of the day.

**Water bottles** Children are allowed to have a bottle of water in school and there is also a water fountain available. As we are a Healthy School, children must bring water rather than juice.

**Clothes** The weather is very changeable, please remember to dress your child appropriately. We will continue to go outside even on wet, cold, windy or even snowy days! **Please may you remember to bring in a bag of spare clothes, which are labelled for your child, just in case we need to change them.** (The clothes can stay in school.)



Don't forget to bring in a spare pair of shoes if your child is wearing wellies as often the children can get a sore red ring around their leg from wearing them too long.

May we suggest you label all your child's belongings (including hats, scarfs, gloves and wellies) in case there is more than one child with the same set, or if they go missing. Please write your child's name and class initials (RSW, RRG)

**Breakfast Club and After School Club.** We have clubs at the beginning and end of the day for working families or those who have an arrangement made with school. There is a charge to use them, which is paid via Parent Pay. Please book your child by contacting the school office in advance. Don't forget to inform the class teacher as well, if your child is attending.

**Independence** We encourage the children to become more independent over the course of the year. Things like: putting on their own coat, clothes, socks, shoes, wiping their own bottoms and noses, putting away their own belongings and being responsible for them. If you know your child finds things like this tricky, we strongly recommend you practise them at home as well.

**Luna New Year Stay and Play** on Friday 9th February, families are invited to come and join in activities with their child, 8:45-9:45am. We look forward to seeing you.