

Reception Autumn 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Welcome to Reception

We hope you've all had a lovely summer and are looking forward to the year ahead in Reception! The children all settling in wonderfully. Over the coming weeks they will be learning new routines and of course, making new friends. Our half termly newsletter outlines our curriculum focus for the half term and sets out key reminders. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to catch us on the door or, alternatively, you can send an email:

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Many thanks, Mrs Grainger

Communication & Language

As we all get to know each other this half term, we will be focusing on participating in small group discussions, building confidence to talk about ourselves. We will work on our listening skills and responding appropriately.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

This half term we will be focusing on the topic 'Me & My Relationships'. We will look at what makes us special, who can help us and understanding our feelings.

In our *My Happy Mind* module, we will meet our brains – learning all about what our brain looks like and how our brain helps us.

Physical Development

We will work on our fine and gross motor skills in continuous provision daily.

In PE, we will begin to practise getting ready for P.E and how to look after our belongings. Mr Ridge (P.E teacher) will be teaching us fundamental movement skills, following instructions and games.

Literacy

This half term will see an introduction of Phonics and applying our new knowledge to reading and our mark making and writing. We will enjoy stories about starting school and what makes us who we are.

Maths

This half term we will begin to deepen our understanding of numbers to 10.

We are starting a new Maths Mastery scheme and we are excited to be rolling it out this half term.

Understanding the World

We will be looking at people around us and their roles in our community. We will start to look at what makes a community. We will have visits from some exciting people in our community!

Expressive Art & Design

This half term, we will be creating self-portraits! Each week, we will focus on different features of our face, before creating a final masterpiece!

Reminders

What to bring – Please can all children bring a water bottle, bag and coat to school each day.

Water Bottles – Water bottles **must** be named. Children often have the same/similar bottles, which makes identifying their own bottle difficult.

Book Bags – Please can you ensure your child brings their Harris book bag to school every day. This must be clearly labelled with their name.

Spare Clothes – If you think your child is likely to have some toileting accidents, please send a set of spare named clothes in their bag each day.

PE – PE is on Friday mornings. Please ensure your child's P.E kit is in school by next Friday (12th September). Long hair must be tied back and earrings must be removed or covered up. Please name your child's PE kit and trainers.

Wellies and Waterproofs – The children are invited to bring in a pair of wellies, which will remain in school. You are also welcome to send in a set of waterproofs for your child. Please ensure you have named your child's wellies and waterproofs.

Fruit and Milk – If your child would like milk at snack time and you have not already done so, please sign up to Cool Milk (<https://coolmilk.com/parents/>) to ensure your child is on our milk list. We have various fruit on offer at snack time but your child is also welcome to bring one small snack from home. The snack must be healthy and must **NOT** contain nuts.

Names – *Please remember to write/stick your child's name on all their belongings, including water bottles, shoes and book bags. Children can become upset when they cannot find their own belongings and all the jumpers/cardigans look the same!*