

## Reception Newsletter - Autumn 2022

### Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to school! We are looking forward to getting to know the children and helping them to settle into the new routines of the school day. For the children in Reception, the school day starts at 9.00am and finishes at 3.20pm. During the morning, the children will have a playtime together and during the afternoon their playtime will also be with the children in Key Stage 1. Reception children have their lunch in the hall at 11.30am, followed by an outside playtime.

The topics for this half term will be **Under the Sea**. After half term, the children will do a topic on **Castles**.

Our main aim for this term is to settle the children into school and support the transition to a new class. Please see the Reception topic web for information about each subject.

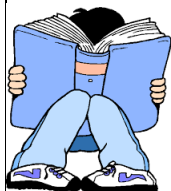


### Book bags and home reading



During the first few days of school, your child will receive a Home School Journal. This can be used for communication between home and school. Please send your child to school with their book bag every day, containing their Home School Journal.

Children in Reception will be given resources relating to their learning in phonics initially, with reading books to follow when they are ready. The Home School Journal will then be used to record books being sent home for children to read at home.

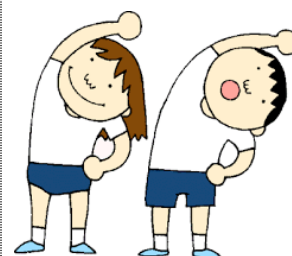


Please continue to read and enjoy books with your child at home but these do not need to be logged in the Home School Journal.

### PE Sessions will be on Mondays for Ash Class and Tuesdays for Oak Class

The PE session will take place inside or outside (weather permitting) and will be led Mr Green.

The children will need a white t-shirt, black shorts, tracksuit bottoms / leggings, a sweatshirt and trainers in their PE kit. The children need to be able to dress and undress themselves independently. Please ensure their clothes are **named** to help us match up any leftover clothes at the end of the session. It would be preferable if children do not wear earrings on P.E days.



### Lost Property

Please make sure that all items of clothing are named. Any lost items we find will be put in a lost property box in our cloakroom.

## Autumn/Winter weather

As the weather inevitably becomes cooler, your child will need to have a coat at school every day, as we will be spending a lot of time outside. Please remember that we encourage the children to be as independent as possible, so it would be helpful if they were able to fasten their coat themselves.

The children will change their shoes when they enter the building, so will need to have indoor shoes (plimsolls are ideal) during the day. We have some storage for wellington boots and we invite you to send in a pair of named wellingtons for the children to keep at school and use during their outdoor learning. Please name them clearly with a waterproof marker or waterproof stickers.

Please send your child with a named water bottle containing fresh water every day. Fruit is provided for children in Reception, but the children may bring in an additional healthy snack for the afternoon playtime.

## Homework

This will start in a few weeks' time when we start introducing the first sounds in phonics. We will be setting this homework every Friday via Google Classroom (instructions and an individual login code for each child will be sent home soon). The homework should be recorded in the exercise book that we will send home and returned the following Wednesday.

Initially, the homework will focus on phonics and will also include a list of topic based vocabulary, which we will have introduced to the children that week. Later, the homework will also include a maths activity.

We hope this will allow parents to engage in their child's learning and to have fun working together.



## Parent consultations

Parent consultations will take place at the end of September and you will receive more details about these nearer the time.

If you have any questions before then, please speak to me at the beginning or end of the day. Alternatively, you can email us:

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Staffing

In Oak Class, Mrs Morrison will be teaching on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Mrs Laurence will be teaching on Thursdays and Fridays.

Throughout the week, Miss Corcoran, Mrs Missing, Miss Dilley, Mrs Robinson, Mrs Leech, Miss Fletcher and Mr Green will assist with the teaching in Oak class.

In Ash Class, Mrs Swift will be teaching all week, with the assistance of Mrs Paul, Miss Dilley, Mr Green, Mrs Quilter, Miss Fletcher and Mrs Leech.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Kind regards,  
Mrs Swift, Mrs Morrison and Mrs Laurence

