



Reception class Newsletter

September 2022

Welcome to Reception! We hope that you have all had a lovely summer. We are pleased that all the Reception children have come in very eager to learn! A very warm welcome to the new children in Reception.

Attendance / Punctuality

It is vital that children are in school, on time, every day to maximise learning. As the doors open at 8.50am, children find their name and self register. A song will be played which will include some of the children's favourites. The children will get busy on the carpet either reading a book or drawing a picture.

Helping at home

Soon the children will receive a reading book. Please listen to your child read their school book **every night**, then write a short comment in their reading record book to show that they have read. It is important to question your child's understanding of what they have read.

In addition to this, share other books with your child as often as possible. Ask your child to choose what they'd like to read. They'll feel more interested in the book if they've picked it themselves (and don't worry if they return to the same book lots of times).

Children who read and share books regularly at home tend to make the most significant progress.

Class Dojo We will be using the online reward system called 'Class Dojo'. Teachers and other adults around school will be encouraging positive behaviours by giving whole class and individual points. Each child will have their own colourful and exciting character, which should encourage them to collect points on a weekly basis.

Focus child

We will have three focus children per week. During the week we record information on paper to be kept in the child's folder in the classroom. Parents can contribute to this by bringing in or emailing photos to the Early Years email address. Examples of photos might be: a trip to the park, visiting family, **and activities such as** swimming. The photos may be used as prompts for your child to share news with the class or teacher. You will receive a letter when your child is selected as the focus child.

Reminders

- Please ensure your child has a spare set of **clothes** in a bag on their peg. Please include underwear and socks.
- Your child needs a pair of **wellies** that they can keep at school.
- Please make sure your child has a **water bottle** that they can keep in school.
- If your child has an asthma **inhaler**, please can you make sure we have one in school and that it is in date.
- Children must be in correct school **uniform** at all times. This includes appropriate footwear. Please ensure your child's uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name.

Project Homework

During the half term, a project-based homework will be set for children to complete at home over a few weeks.