



Welcome to Foundation

Monday 5th September 2022

Reception Class



Settling in

The children are settling in well. We expect a few upsets in a morning and the children have coped brilliantly. By 9:15am we have a lovely calm class ready for the day. All the children are learning school routines and are remembering where to put all their things.

Pick up and drop off

Children will enter through the main entrance between 8:35am and 8:45am. Home time will be 3:20pm. If you have an older child in another year group, they will accompany your Class Reception child.

If you are using the breakfast club facility you can drop your child off from 7:15am. Please come to the main entrance at the school office and ring the bell in the foyer. A member of the breakfast club staff will welcome your child. Parents are not allowed into the school building.

If you are collecting your child from After School Club you will use the same entrance for collection at the main entrance.

Class Dojo

Class Dojo is a useful way to keep up to date with new information. Please use the messaging service to communicate anything that we need to know about; changes in pick up, if they haven't been feeling well the night before, photos or notes of what you've been up to over the weekend (which we will share during circle times) and so on. Please only try to send messages between 8am and 5pm Monday to Friday. Also try to consider if the message is urgent and use this service wisely. We will try to get back to you when possible, but staff will be working with children during learning time.

Labels

The children try very hard to keep their things together but are finding it difficult if they do not have their names in. Please ensure you write your child's name on all their items of clothing, bottles, bags etc. Name stickers are very helpful as they do not fade in the wash.

Footwear

Children will have the opportunity to bring a pair of wellies. These are very useful as we spend a lot of time on the field, doing Forest Schools and using water play in the outdoor learning area.

Please do not send your child to school in trainers with laces unless they are confident to tie the laces. At this early stage I would really recommend Velcro straps.

Water bottles

Please could you ensure that your child has a water bottle in school at all times with their name clearly labelled on it. Please ensure that these are washed daily.



Fruit

The government provides each child with a piece of fresh fruit each day. We receive a variety of fruit; apples, bananas, carrots, strawberries, sugar snap peas, peppers, pears, raisins and lots more. We are a healthy school and would like to promote healthy eating. Please do not send fruit into school for your child. Children will very often try new things when they see their friends trying it.

Homework

The children will be expected to read at home (see below for more details), access Spelling Shed at least twice a week and access Numbots at least twice a week. You can keep online activities to 10 - 15 min sessions so that your child does not have too much screen time. I will be organising logins and passwords for your children. I will stick the login details to the inside of their yellow reading record. This is not set up yet but I will let you know via Class Dojo as soon as it is live.

Your child will also be asked to complete one piece of Explore homework each month. This is the first activity in our RE topic. We always send this activity home as a way of communicating our new topic with you and strengthening the bonds between home and school.

As always, the work we do in Reception is a partnership between families and staff. During the holidays we will ask you to think about some Wow moments that you would like to share with the staff. This might be something amazing that your child has done out of school which shows progress in their development or it could shine a light on something that we might not see in school time.

An ongoing homework in Class Reception is to work on putting on your own coat, fastening zips and buttons, turning coat sleeves the correct way and becoming responsible for hats and gloves. Parents can support staff by encouraging children to get dressed at home and ensure there is time before you leave the house so you can model these skills.

Reading

The children will be given reading books and a reading diary (this will state which day your child will read) and needs to be kept in their book bags and brought to school each day.

Please read with your child at least 4 times a week as we will read once individually in school. As soon as the children are settled and have established a routine, we will also begin to read in a group.

If your child reads 5 times a week, they will receive a stamp on the chart on the inside of their reading diary. One stamp equals 5 reads and for every 25 reads, they will receive a certificate.

Please do not fill in the reading chart at the back of the reading diary. Staff will add stickers and rewards to this.



Star of the Week

Each week our class will be having a 'star of the week.' A child will be chosen each week to enjoy telling their friends about themselves to promote listening and speaking skills. They are then able to do some special jobs in the classroom and around school. I will be sending a letter home to the child on a Friday for the following week. We look forward to finding out who they are. Please understand that it does take some time to get through each child in the class. Do not be disheartened if your child is not chosen first. Everyone will get a turn.

Our School Website

Please check out our school website regularly to keep up to date with news and events.

I would really like to keep the lines of communication open between myself and parents. I am happy to phone you after school or during lunchtime if you would like to speak to me about anything. Please don't hesitate to drop me a message on Class Dojo and I will call you back.

Many thanks

Mrs Bruce