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Reception

Autumn Term 2026

Reminders

Please ensure your child has the following named items in school every day:

- Book bag
- Water bottle
- Waterproof coat

INFORMATION

Label – all belongings to be labelled clearly with your child's name.

Water bottle – please send in every day (Water only).

Book bag - Please send in every day.

Waterproof coat - Please practise using the zip with your child.

Personal belongings – please do not send any toys or belongings into school.

Hair tied back – all long hair needs be tied back.

Home learning – check Google Classroom every Thursday for activities to do at home which support learning in school. (Login to follow)

Reading – Please share the story books your child has brought home. Individual reading books will be sent home later in the term.

A 'Curriculum Map' showing the focus for our lessons will be made available shortly on our website (Learning, Year Group Pages).

Thank you for your support.

The Reception team

Maths	Your child will be: -practising careful counting, including counting movements, sounds and objects. -looking at small groups of objects in different patterns and naming how many are in a group without needing to count them (subitising). -learning number rhymes and become familiar with the numbers 1-5. -describing and creating patterns -naming and finding shapes in the environment and exploring the properties of 3D and 2D shapes. -comparing sizes and quantities.
Literacy	Your child will be: -sharing stories and talking about books. -recognising and making signs and labels. -learning phonics through the Read, Write, Inc. scheme. -hearing letter sounds and begin to blend and segment those sounds to read simple words. -encouraged to try writing the sounds heard. -practising writing names, forming the letters correctly and ensuring that a capital letter is found at the beginning of the name and lower case is used for the rest of the letters.
Communication and Language	Your child will be: -learning to listen carefully -learning lots of new vocabulary. -encouraged to speak in full sentences -asking and answering questions and following simple instructions -telling stories and explaining ideas.
Understanding of the World	Your child will be: -learning about the environment at school and at home. -talking about family and friends -thinking about how our world changes through the seasons -sharing celebrations and traditions from home.
Physical development	Your child will be: -refining fine motor skills; cutting with scissors, threading and dough disco. -using anticlockwise movements to help with letter formation and use the tripod grip to hold a pencil. -learning playground games, climbing and balance.
Personal Social Emotional and Economic Education	Your child will be: -spending lots of time settling into school and getting to know others. -making friends and working together in pairs and in teams. -talking about taking turns and other rules needed at school. -learning empathy for others through stories, role play and incidental events -learning to name emotions.
Expressive Arts and Design	Your child will be: -telling lots of stories and getting involved in role play and drama. -exploring colours and textures and using these to create models and pictures. -using instruments to make music and investigate sounds -building models with different materials.
Birthdays	We are looking forward to celebrating your child's birthday with them. Please remember that we encourage children to bring in a birthday book to share with the class. This book is then kept in the class library for the whole class to enjoy. A sticker is stuck in the front of the book to remind us of who donated the wonderful book to our library. Please do not bring in sweets/chocolate or other food items due to allergies and our healthy school policy. Thank you in advance.