

Reception Autumn Newsletter

First of all we would like to congratulate all of the children (and parents!) on how well everybody has taken the transition into school life. The children have all been so brave and we are blown away with how beautifully they are coming in in the mornings. Congratulations all round. This is usually the point where we would begin to ask parents to stand behind the blue line, however, everybody is doing this brilliantly already!

Book Study

This September Receptions book study will be based around the story Giraffes Can't Dance. We will be emphasizing that anyone can achieve their goals with some motivation. We are excited to do some giraffe dancing in PE!



Big Idea

This term, our Big Idea is 'Lockdown Reflections.' This Big Idea is designed to support children's wellbeing and help them settle into school life. We will be supporting children to think about their feelings and emotions with a strong Personal, Social and Emotional drive.

Focus Learning

During this first half term our focus is getting to know the children, letting them get to know us and ensuring that they feel safe and secure in their new environment. During the Autumn 1 term we will be developing and refining the children's pencil grip and fine motor skills ready for writing. We will begin to write our names using baseline script handwriting. In maths we will be sorting objects by criteria and comparing amounts/sizes. We will be focusing on our listening skills and oral blending in phonics and towards the end we will be teaching some phase 2 sounds. Look out in our weekly newsletter for the sounds that we are learning each week.



Our Curriculum

This year we have opted to be an early adopter school for the new Development Matters Early Years curriculum. This will be statutory from next September. You can view this document online at https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/914443/Development_Matters_-_Non-statutory_curriculum_guidance_for_the_early_years_foundation_stage_1_.pdf

The new curriculum is designed by EYFS expert Julian Grenier and is designed to allow children the opportunity to develop a deeper understanding of their skills as apposed to rushing to fast with their learning. We are excited to be an Early Adopter school and we will keep you updated with all of the exciting things that we do as the year goes on. Please see the notice board on the door that the Reception children enter through or the school website for further information on the new Early Learning Goals and the steps the children will be taking to meet them.

For our full timetable please see the Reception section of the school website

