





Welcome to Reception



Dear Parents

We have had a wonderful start to the school year and we are delighted with how well the children are settling; thank you for all your support with this.

Our Team – the 4 Busy B's.

Mrs Brice (Teacher)	Mrs Bush(Teacher)	Miss Ballinger (TA)	Mrs Bunce(TA)
			
I am in school Monday and Tuesday.	I am in school Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.	I am in school every day.	I am in school every day.

We are all here to help your child have an amazing time in Reception and are happy to chat. If it is a quick chat catch us on the door before or after school. For a longer chat the please email us (details below) and we can arrange a suitable time to do this.

PE Days

The children will be having their PE lessons on Wednesday and Friday each week. Please can they come to school dressed in their full PE kit on those days. The children's PE teacher will be Mr Goodwin or Mr Peacock, supported by Mrs Bunce and Miss Ballinger.



Our Reading Challenge

We would like to read every child's favourite book. Please can you send your child into school with their favorite book (named) and we will aim to read every book over the next few weeks. These will be returned safely to you once we have read it.

Our Super Stars

We would like to celebrate your child's achievements and milestones outside of school. This could be riding their bike without stabilisers, trying a new food, swimming, looking after a plant. Whenever they achieve something like this can you fill in a special, golden star. We have one to give you for now but please come in and ask for one anytime throughout the year.

We will also be celebrating their successes in school with a child receiving Star of the Day each day and once a week a child will receive Star of the Week. When we start attending whole school assemblies we will be sending out an invitation for you to attend the assembly if your child receives Star of the Week.

Snack and Lunch

Snack is at 10.30am each day. You no longer need to send a snack in for your child, as a piece of fruit for each will be provided each day. They will also have the opportunity to have a drink of milk at this time. We have been having lunch in the hall between 11.50 – 12.25. Please note that chocolates and sweets are not allowed in packed lunches.

Reading at Home

Soon we will be sending home reading books. Initially the books will be wordless picture books for you to make up stories with your child to match the pictures. Children love wordless picture books and they are great for supporting children's literacy development. Here are some tips on ways you can read these with them.

1. Begin by looking at the cover. What can you see? What clues to the story does the cover illustration show?
2. Read the title. Does the title give you any ideas for what the story might be about? Make predictions about the story based on the cover and title.
3. Take a picture walk. Look through the pages of the book with the sole purpose of enjoying the pictures. Talk about anything that captures your attention.
4. "Read" the story. You might go first, inviting your child to add to your story as they see fit. Don't be afraid to tell your story with dramatic flair. Add sound effects and interesting voices that suit the characters of your tale.
5. Encourage your child to take a turn telling their own version of the story.
6. Ask questions about the book — which is your favourite illustration? Do you have a favourite part of the story or a favourite character? Can you tell about a time you have felt like the main character or found yourself in a similar situation

Reading books are changed once a week, on a **Monday**. When your child starts the Sounds~Write phonics and reading programme, books that match the letters and sounds they have been learning in school will be sent home for them to practise their reading skills. To help your child to learn to read, we expect parents to read to and/or listen to your child read, at least 5 times a week. Creating a love of reading in children is potentially one of the most powerful ways of improving academic achievement.

Belonging

Our Topic for this term is Marvellous Me. Can they please bring in a family photo we can display on the wall. This really helps the children to develop a sense of belonging and it has been wonderful to hear them talk about their families with their new friends.

Communicating with you

We will be communicating with you through a Reception email address. A weekly update will be sent home to let you know what we have been doing and what is to come. I'd love to share photos of some of the things we are doing in this email. Please let me know if you **do not** want your child's photo to be included in the email shared with all Reception parents/carers only.

This is the best way to communicate with us if you have any questions or need to let us know anything that would be useful for us to know.

We are looking forward to a fantastic year with you and the children.

Kind regards

Mrs Brice, Mrs Bush, Miss Ballinger and Mrs Bunce.