


Here are some things we will be working hard at in school this term:

- Recognising and writing letters.
- Counting and recognising numbers and shapes.
- Making new friends and learning the names of children in our class.
- Writing our names.
- Learning school routines.
- Talking about the letter sound which different words begin with.
- Beginning to read and write simple words.
- Getting changed for P.E. and putting our coats on by ourselves.



Reception Organisation and Staff

There are two Reception classes this year (Sycamore and Rowan). The two classes will mix together throughout the day and children will work with staff in both classrooms.

Mrs McCarthy (class teacher - Rowan class)
Miss Bridgeman (class teacher - Sycamore class)

Teaching assistants:

Mrs Edwards
Mrs Rumford
Mrs Jacobs

Any of these members of staff will be able to assist you with any questions or worries you have about your child.

We hope this leaflet has been useful but if you have any questions about school or the Reception Year, please do not hesitate to ask.



Reception Newsletter



September 2018

We hope your child has enjoyed their first week of school. We are really pleased with how well the children are settling into school routines and joining in activities.



P.E.

Our P.E. session will be on Friday mornings. It is helpful if all clothes the children are wearing on these days are named, including tights and shoes. Thank you.



Letter Sounds

The children have now begun learning letter sounds. We will send home letter sheets to keep you informed about which letter sounds we have covered during the week and these sheets can be kept at home.

Reading Books



We aim to change reading books twice a week. Children begin by bringing home a wordless picture book to encourage their story-telling skills. Once the children become confident at recognising letter sounds they will begin bringing home simple books with words in, mainly from the 'Oxford Reading Tree' scheme. The main characters are:

Mum and Dad

Floppy the dog

Biff, Chip and Kipper (the children).

After children have read the books once, it is helpful to re-read them and ask children to point to and find important words or answer questions about the story. Children will also begin bringing home a 'reading record'. Please use this to share comments about children's reading at home so that we know how well they managed the book and whether their book needs changing.

Many parents have commented that their children are too tired to read in the evenings once they start school full time. They have found that reading for five minutes before school in the mornings is more successful so if your child is reluctant to read after school this may be worth a try.

Snack Time

Each child has now been issued with a water bottle and the children will bring these home on Fridays to be washed. If your child has a packed lunch they will also need to bring a separate drink for lunch times.

Every morning we have 'snack time' and we provide a range of different snacks for the children to enjoy each week, for example toast, custard, crackers or fruit. The children are also sometimes involved in using some basic food preparation skills. In order to make snack time possible we ask for a small voluntary donation from parents of £5 for the term payable via Parentpay.

In the afternoons children may bring a piece of fruit from home to eat if they wish. Please ensure that any fruit is named or in a named container.

Milk

Milk is available to children by registering for the milk scheme. Milk is free for children under five and after this is available for a small charge. Please ask in the school office for a leaflet if you have not received one .

Tapestry

We record information and photographs of some of the things the children have been doing using an online system called 'Tapestry'. This enables you to log onto a website at home to look at photos of your child's learning. You should have received a letter enabling you to register for this and we will be shortly sending out emails with login details. You can also share observations and photos of things your child has been doing at home.

Important Dates:

28th September - School photos.

3rd October - Flu vaccinations.

4th October - Autumn themed tea party.

This is an after-school event for children and parents to attend together. There will be tables set up in the hall with different craft and snack activities available. You are welcome to stay for a short time or for the full hour.

10th/11th October - Parent teacher evenings

25th October - Halloween disco

6th December - Reception nativity

17th December - Christmas party

