

Reception Newsletter



Autumn 1



Dear Families,

Welcome to Reception. We hope you have had a relaxing summer holidays. We are very excited to start our first term with you. We know that starting school is a big deal and we will be making sure that we are supporting the children well as they settle in.

In the first few weeks, children will learn mostly through play (continuous provision) whilst we conduct baseline assessments. When this is completed we will start our phonics and maths lessons. Along with this newsletter, you will receive a copy of an information booklet about this. You can also access the booklet here <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/reception-baseline-assessment-information-for-parents>

From **Monday 18th September**, children will attend full time. **8:45—3:15**. Children will enter the classrooms through the Reception playground and be released to you at the end of the day through the Reception playground gate.

School Rules are in place to keep everybody safe:

1. Praise. No put down
2. Hands, feet and objects to yourself
3. Follow instructions
4. Talk quietly, stay on task

Curriculum Theme: People and Communities

We will begin the year getting to know each other, settling into our classrooms and learning the routines and expectations of school. We will also spend some time learning about our class names Attenborough and Andersen.

This term will begin our People and Communities theme. We will learn about each other and our family trees by talking about past events in our own lives.

The children will be encouraged to make new friends and learn about what makes a good friend. We will begin thinking about our identity and our place in the world while comparing ourselves to others.

In English, the children will learn the story, The Little Red Hen, and then use the structure of the story to create their own. They will be introduced to new vocabulary and explore the meaning of the words. In Maths, the children will start to explore number. Counting forwards, looking at what each number represents as objects, identifying numbers in the environment and being introduced to our core manipulatives.

School Value

This half term, our value is hope. We will talk to the children about the importance of having confidence to grow and improve through our successes and failures. We will learn that we can all help the world and make it a better place.

P.E

This half term we will be having PE on **Monday afternoons**. The children need to come into school on this day wearing their PE kit:

- Team coloured T-shirts with school logo.
- Black shorts
- Black jogging trousers
- Plain black plimsolls
- Plain sports trainers
- Grey or white ankle socks

Our first PE lesson will be on **Monday 18th September**.

We have a no earrings policy, so earrings should not be worn to school.

Home Learning

In school we will be practising how to say and write our first set of sounds. These letters and sounds will be sent home weekly as well as videos on Tapestry. These should be practised at home with your child.

Your child will be bringing a library home from school. You should also be reading with your child every day. This might be looking at a book together, going through their sounds, reading to your child or having them read to you.

Suggested reading

Whatever Next by Jill Murphy

Five Minutes' Peace by Jill Murphy

The Colour Monster Goes to School by Anna Llenas

Suggested websites

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/>

Reading Diaries

Reading is a fundamental part of our school. Children must read every day, this supports learning across the curriculum. The reading diary should be completed every time the children read, starting a new page each week. Every Monday, we check the diaries and give a gold star to everyone who has read at least 7 times and award a merit on Pupil Asset.

Important Dates

WC 11th September – Half Day Transition week

14th September - Federation meeting for families 5pm-6pm

WC 18th September – Reception full time

21st September - Flu Vaccinations

23rd October—27th October - Half Term

A look at our learning so far...

Look at our school website to find out more about some of our learning

Reception learning 2023/24



School radio podcasts



Secret Student



School Councils and groups

Our school councils support the development of our school ensuring that pupil voice is heard and actions are taken as a result. There are a range of councils in school including Class Council
Eco Council, Diversity Council, Technology

Behaviour

In school, we earn merits for demonstrating our learning powers, positive behaviours and outstanding effort and achievement.

We can also earn a class marble when we work well as a class to achieve something.

Secret students are picked randomly daily. The class staff will observe the secret student throughout the day. When the secret student has made good choices throughout the day. We share these on our school website.



Attendance

The attendance expectation at Drake Primary School is 100%.

We look forward to working together to ensure high attendance across the year.

Pupil voice

At the end of every half term, we will gather the voice of the children and add their views to the next newsletter.

Below you can see what a child said last year at the end of their time in Reception.

I can read lots of words. I enjoy reading books.

Safeguarding Notice

At Drake, we understand that it is important for all of us to work together as a community to take an active role in teaching children about online safety. In school, we use National Online Safety resources which provide us with resources for our teachers and our families.

Use the links below to find a variety of resources and helpful videos/posters which provide vital information about current games, apps, and platforms that the children may be accessing and steps you can take to keep them safe.

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/drake-primary-school>

You can also download the National Online Safety app on any device

<https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/national-online-safety/id1530342372>

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=uk.co.nationaleducationgroup.nos>

The website is a fantastic window into learning at our school. Reception information including photos, curriculum and timetables can be found at

If you have any questions about the classroom or any other school related issue, please do not hesitate to email the school office; we will either email you or arrange a time to call you.

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