



# Reception Autumn 1

## CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Where a World of Opportunities Awaits

### Our Creative Habit - Collaborative



#### English

This half term our T4W model text is 'The Little Red Hen'

#### Maths

Size and colour patterns

Counting up to 6 items

Composition of numbers to 6

Ordering numbers up to 6

One more and less than numbers to 6

#### Understanding the World

Exploring seasonal changes

Changes in materials

Identifying how we have changed

Finding out about our families

Learning about Harvest

#### Expressive Arts and Design

Creating self portraits

Exploring work by different Artists

Using colour to show what we can see

## Welcome to Reception

Welcome to Reception. We hope you had a wonderful, relaxing summer break. We are so excited to be starting this first term with you and your child as they begin their school learning journey.

In the first few weeks, we'll be gently settling the children and carrying out baseline assessments alongside introducing them to Phonics, Talk 4 Writing and our Maths sessions. From Monday 15th September, children will begin attending full time, 8:45-3:15. They will enter through the Reception playground in the morning and will be released to you from the same area at the end of the day.

Our first learning theme will be based on the much-loved story The Little Red Hen. Together, we will explore what it means to be a good friend, and think about the qualities that make friendships strong. We will also learn about animals that live on a farm, the role of a farmer, and compare different types of jobs.

To bring this to life, the children will discover the process of making bread and even follow a simple recipe to bake their own!



#### PSHE



This half term we are learning about how it feels to belong and similarities and differences .

We will be starting to recognise our feelings as well as working with others to make school a good place by following the rules.



Our value this half term is -

Love



## Our Learning So Far...

Our year group page - <https://www.drake.norfolk.sch.uk/page/?title=Reception&pid=276>

### Physical Development

We will focus on our gross motor skills on Monday afternoons. The children need to come into school every Monday wearing their PE kit:

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

### Forest Schools (Woodland Wanderers)

Attenborough Class will have Forest School on Tuesday.

Andersen Class will have Forest School on a Wednesday.

Children should come to school wearing their Forest School clothes, with their wellies and waterproofs in a bag.

Forest School and Physical Development will start for both classes week beginning **Monday 15th September.**



### Home Learning

In school we will be learning how to say, read and write our first set of sounds. These letters and sounds will be sent home weekly for you to practise at home with your child. In addition we will add phonics videos as guidance on Tapestry.

Your child will bring a library book home from school, which will be changed every Friday.

We aim for 7 home reads every week as research shows how important reading is for a child's vocabulary and development.



Over the first couple of weeks, the children will start coming home with Boromi Bags as well as their login details for NumBots. Further details to follow.

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>

Thank you for your support.

### Dates for Diary

**Monday 15th September** - 8:45 am - 3:15 pm All Children Full Time

**Tuesday 30th September** - 2:30 - 3:15 pm Parent Reading Café

**Monday 27th October** - Friday 31st Half Term

**Tuesday 18th November** - 2:30 - 3:15 pm Parent Maths Cafe