



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 14th 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

Their first session will be on **Monday 21st September**

Outdoor Adventurers

Andersen and Attenborough will be Outdoor Adventurers on a Wednesday. The children will self guide their learning in our nature area.

Children should come to school wearing their outdoor clothes (arms and legs must be covered) with their wellies and waterproofs in a bag.

Their first session will be on **Wednesday 9th 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.

The children's first school reading books will be picture books. When looking at these at home, encourage your child to talk about the pictures, make up a story using the pictures and ask them questions. These books will be changed weekly, after they have read to a member of staff.

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.

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 7th September - AM or PM session. Families have been notified of their allocated session

Monday 14th September - 8:45 am - 3:15 pm All Children Full Time

Tuesday 15th September - International Dot Day. Reception come dressed in dots!

Thursday 1st October - 2:30 - 3:15 pm Parent Reading Café

Wednesday 21st October - Individual Photos

Friday 23rd October - INSET day. School closed to children

Monday 26th October - Friday 30th Half Term

Thursday 19th November - 2:30 - 3:15 pm Parent Maths Café

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