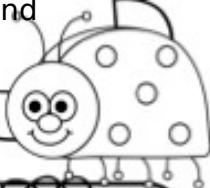


Welcome to Reception!

From

Miss Swift, Mrs Cooper, Mrs Harrison,
Mrs Sykes, Ms Binks, Miss Johnstone,
Miss Danby, Mrs Patterson and
Mrs Fulton.



Welcome!

We would like to take this opportunity to say a huge welcome to Reception, to both you and your child. The first year of school can seem quite daunting, but please feel comforted that we take on a very nurturing, play based approach, and in no time the children seem to settle well into the routines of our school day. 😊

The children will say goodbye to you in the playground on a morning and will enter the cloakroom with a teacher, in order to promote their independence from the start. It is also a lot more calming and settling for the children.

On an afternoon, when you come pick up your child, all we ask is that you stay behind the large playground equipment, and do not come up to the door, as this blocks our view. We find it much easier if you stand back and then we can send your child out in a quick and calm manner.



PE Day

Your child's PE day will be every **Monday** and children will get changed **in school**.

Please ensure you send your child to school with a **labelled PE kit** on a Monday. They also each have a peg which they can leave their PE kit on.

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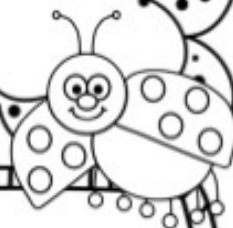
A plain white polo top or T-Shirt
Black or Navy shorts.

Homework and Bookbags

Once the children have settled into Reception we will send out a Bingo board style homework. These will be 'home tasks' for you to complete with your child, where you will choose to do one each week. At the beginning of a half term we will send out a new 'Bingo' style board related to the children's learning. We encourage a lot of these to be completed practically with an element of fun to them (on the way to or from school, outside, or even in your home)

Book bags will go out on a Friday each week, and we ask for them to be completed and brought **back no later than a Wednesday**, each week.

Homework and the tasks we set are very important as they embed the learning that the children are doing in school, and therefore we expect it to be completed every week.



All About Me Bag

On transition day we sent the children home with a paper bag with a poem on it. Please bring your filled bags into school in the first week so that the children can discuss them with their new teachers and new friends 😊.

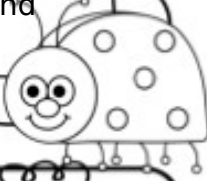
Photo

We would like to ask you to bring in a photograph of your child with their family. We will be adding the photographs to a display in our home corner, which will encourage the children to talk about their families and home life. We would therefore like to keep the photograph until the end of the year (and at this point we will send the photograph home again).

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First week of School

We have absolutely loved welcoming the new Reception children this week, and we have had so much fun learning the routines; finding different areas to play in in our classroom; and making new friends!

Just a quick reminder that **all** children need to be in school full time from the first day,

Monday 2nd September.

From this week the children can expect daily phonics, Maths and Literacy sessions and the children will be learning through play in the areas of provision, which have been carefully set up to enable the children's development. Each week they will also take part in P.E, Knowledge and Understanding of the World, Music and SEAL session.



Uniforms

Just a reminder that school uniform is a white or navy collared T-shirt/shirt, a navy jumper and grey, black or navy dress, skirt or trousers.

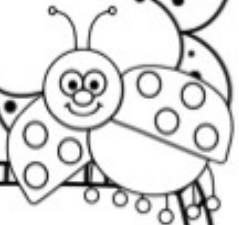
We also advise suitable footwear that children are able to put on independently. If they are unable to do their laces, please don't send them with laces to do.

Please REMEMBER to label everything your child brings to school!

Maths and Literacy Learning

For the first half term in Maths, we will be following the 'Maths Mastery Approach' and the Steps to Success to count objects reliably, as well as really focusing on numbers 0, 1, 2 and 3. We look at these numbers in depth which helps secure children's confidence in using the numbers.

In Phonics we will be using the 'Read Write Inc scheme', where again the children will access learning, specific to their abilities, straight away, helping them to recognise and read graphemes, (letters) and the phonemes (sounds) they make. We will have a huge focus on name writing. The children will be expected to write their name starting with a capital letter and forming all the letters correctly. Please practice with your child at home.



Shoes and Pumps

Please send your children in suitable shoes for school which are again clearly labelled. We will also be asking that the children bring in pumps as indoor shoes to change into in the first few weeks. These will then stay in school and the children can practice being independent and change their shoes themselves.

HT1 TOPIC:

You Are What You Eat!

In the first half term our topic will be 'You Are What You Eat' We will be exploring what the children already know, and also what they would like to find out about this topic. We will be reading an exciting story book, 'Supertato' and will explore in the provision areas also. We encourage the children's ideas and are very excited to see where the children would like to take their learning. n

