

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Reception! We are delighted to welcome your child to our class and look forward to an exciting term of learning, exploration, and new friendships. During Autumn 1, we will focus on helping children settle into school routines, develop independence, and build positive relationships with their peers.

Communication and Language

We will be developing children's speaking and listening skills through daily conversations, stories, songs, and role-play activities. In our **Sounds Write** phonics sessions, children will begin learning letter-sounds and practise blending and segmenting simple words. We will encourage children to speak confidently, listen carefully, and share their ideas with others.



Mathematics

This term, children will begin developing their understanding of number and shape through practical, hands-on activities.

Our learning will include:

- **Getting to Know You:** exploring mathematical concepts through play and routines.
- **Match, Sort and Compare:** sorting objects by different criteria and comparing quantities.
- **Talk About Measure and Patterns:** identifying simple patterns and exploring size, length, and capacity.
- **It's Me 1, 2, 3:** recognising, representing, and subitising numbers 1, 2, and 3.

Children will use mathematical language to describe, compare, and solve problems through play and investigation.

Understanding the World

Our topic this term is 'All about me'! Children will learn about themselves, their families, and the people who are important to them. They will explore similarities and differences between themselves and others, learn about their local environment, and begin to understand how they have changed since they were babies.

We will also celebrate and learn about:

Harvest Festival

Rosh Hashanah

Yom Kippur

Black History month

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Key Dates and Reminders

- **Phonics Workshop for Parents: 6th October**
Join us to find out how we teach early reading and phonics in Reception and learn ways to support your child's reading journey at home. *Time to be confirmed.*
- **PE Day:** Every Thursday – come to school in PE kits.
- **Library Day:** Every Wednesday
- **Reading Books:** Children will receive a wordless book which will be changed weekly.
- Please ensure **all** clothing, shoes, water bottles, and lunch boxes are clearly named.

How You Can Help at Home

You can support your child's learning by:

- Reading together every day
- Talking about the day and encouraging your child to share their experiences
- Practising putting on coats, fastening zips, and dressing independently
- Encouraging mark-making through drawing, colouring, and painting
- Sorting and counting everyday objects around the home

We are looking forward to a wonderful first term together and thank you for your support as your child begins their Reception journey.

Kind regards,

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