



# Reception Newsletter

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2024

We have reached the end of our first week and I'm delighted at how well the children are already settling into their new school routine; we have had such a lovely week getting to know them all! They are doing really well coming into school, many seem happy and confident walking across the playground which is fantastic. Well done children!



The children have had a really busy week learning, playing and making new friends. I have included some photos at the end of the newsletter so you can see what we have been up to this week in Activity Time.

Just a heads up that next week the children are going to make a Christmas card design which can be made into cards, put onto a mug, place mats, labels etc. I appreciate that it is strange to be thinking about Christmas in September and apologies if your children start getting excited about it a little early! More details regarding purchasing the Christmas design on different items will be coming in a separate letter. Here is an example of the artwork your children will be creating next week.



This week the children have been practising counting to ten and working on number correspondence. We have enjoyed singing lots of number songs such as five little speckled frogs, five little men in a flying saucer and five little monkeys jumping on the bed. All of which they love as they enjoy the videos on our big smart screen! They also really enjoyed their school tour yesterday when we all visited the other classes (and said hello to any brothers and sisters!), the ICT suite, the Library, hall, office and Mrs Holditch's office.

Thank you for returning the 'All About Me' booklets. I have enjoyed finding out more about the children and hope this was a nice activity to do together over the summer. These booklets will be placed in their Learning Journals in school but we will use them first as a sort of 'show and tell' activity during the week of 16<sup>th</sup> September as this is the first week when the children are all in together and it will be a nice way for them to get to know each other a little better.

The children have received their first reading book today, a textless book, for you to share at home. We will change these books once a week. Each time you read with your child please can you write a little comment in the contact book so that we know you have read together. When we start teaching phonics (when the children



are in full time) and the children are ready for a book with words we will send home a book with text. Please don't worry if that is not for a while, we like to make sure the children are secure enough with their phonics and have developed their blending skills sufficiently as we want children to enjoy reading and develop that love for books. I will be holding a Phonics Information Evening for parents on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 6pm.** This will provide you with information about how we teach phonics (the prime approach to teaching reading) in school. We hope lots of you can come and join us. I will be sending a separate letter home about the Phonics Information Evening soon.

The children will be having their first Woodland Learning session on **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October**, the last week of term. We will only have one session this term as I would like to settle the children in before we go into the woods, there will be two sessions a term after this term. I will provide you with more information about Woodland Learning in a newsletter nearer the time.

I am in the process of creating accounts for all the children on Tapestry now and everyone should have received an email by the middle of next week (if not sooner) which provides details about how to create your parent account and set a password so you can access more photos and observations of the children from their first two weeks, as well as throughout their Reception year.

I hope you all have a great weekend and that the children are looking forward to coming to school again next week! It has been a fantastic week and we are looking forward to working with the children and parents! 😊

Best wishes,

Mrs McKiernan



# Activity Time

