



WELCOME TO THE AUTUMN TERM IN RECEPTION!

The staff in Reception this year are:

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| Catherine Beckford | Class Teacher |
| Shainey Wasik | Class Teacher |
| Sarah Cobb | FS Coordinator & <i>Read Write Inc.</i> Manager |
| Nasima Yeasim | Early Years Educator |
| Nazia Begum | Early Years Educator |
| Nathaniel Thompson | Teaching Assistant |
| Shopna Khan | Teaching Assistant |
| Roushanara Khanom | Teaching Assistant |

DATES AND REMINDERS

- ◆ All children are required to wear a full school uniform.
- ◆ Please ensure children arrive by 9.00 am.
- ◆ Please ensure all clothing is labeled with your child's name.
- ◆ Please remember to provide your child with a coat. To enable your child to enjoy the outside area at all times, it would be helpful to have wellies, a scarf and gloves.
- ◆ Our last day of school before half term is Friday 25 October 2013.
- ◆ The last day of Autumn term is Friday 20 December 2013.
- ◆ Please note: children **do not** require a swimming costume and towel!

I will be learning...

COMMUNICATION & LANGUAGE AND LITERACY

We will be building on children's phonics knowledge from Nursery and encouraging them to read and write independently. We will be focusing on 'Houses and Homes', linked to our trip to Buckingham Palace. Please ensure your child has their reading diary and changes their book on the correct day.



MATHEMATICS

We will be developing our knowledge of numbers from Nursery. Children will be learning correct number formation and recognising and ordering numbers. Children will use the outside area to focus on problem solving and we will be learning more about shapes and positional language.

UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD

We will be exploring different types of homes in our local area as well as visiting Buckingham Palace as part of our theme. We will be exploring change, particularly linked to ourselves, our environment and changes we have experienced during transition from Nursery to Reception.

EXPRESSIVE ARTS AND DESIGN

We will be constructing our own homes out of a range of materials. We will also be exploring rhythm-making with a range of instruments.

I.C.T.

We will be building on the children's existing ICT skills by developing their mouse skills and encouraging their independence when using age-appropriate software.



PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Please encourage children to be as independent as possible when they arrive at school. Within the classroom they will be working hard to follow the rules of the setting and build new friendships.

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT



We will be improving our spatial awareness and motor control. Children will be learning and following rules and using both indoor and outside spaces.

We will have P.E. on Mondays, please ensure your child has a full kit.

OUR TOPIC

Our topic this half term is...

'Houses and Homes'

Dear Parents and Carers...

We work in partnership with you to make your child's experience in Reception a happy one. We encourage our parents/carers to:

- Develop a good routine to ensure your child arrives at school on time.
- Ensure your child has plenty of sleep, we recommend bedtime at 7:00pm and **NO LATER THAN 8pm.**
- Make sure your child eats a healthy breakfast before school.
- Support your child to become independent by helping them practice putting on/taking off all of their clothes during daily routines.
- Show an interest in your child's day and talk about what they have been learning.

PARENT/CARER WORKSHOPS...

Keep an eye out for letters regarding parent/carer workshops. If there are any areas of your child's learning you would like help with, please let us know and we may be able to arrange a workshop to assist other parents too.

Parents/carers will be invited in to discuss their child's interests and progress once every term. Parent/carers' evening is: Thursday 13 December.

If you have any questions/queries, please do not hesitate to ask.

What you will need ...

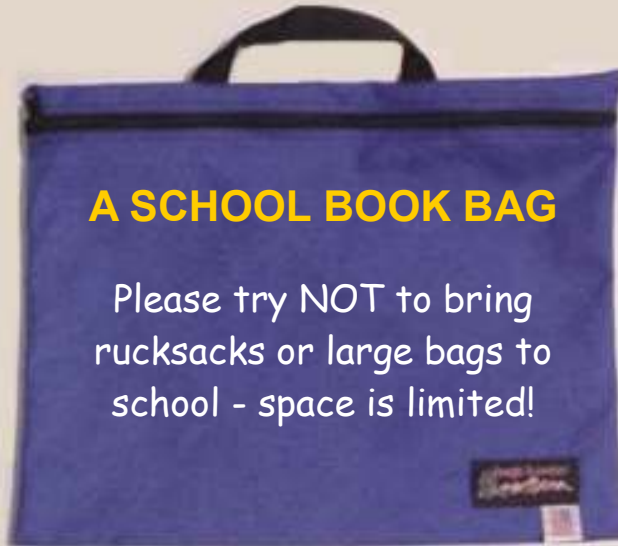


SCHOOL SHOES

Plimsolls or lace-ups. Trainers can be worn, as long as they are completely black.

P.E. KIT

Shorts, T-shirt, plimsolls or trainers in a small bag - drawstring if possible.



A SCHOOL BOOK BAG

Please try NOT to bring rucksacks or large bags to school - space is limited!

MARY the
COOK

MRS KEMP

Please **remember** to label everything with your name - especially sweatshirts, PE kits and coats!



PLEASE NOTE:
Children DO NOT
require a
swimming kit in
Reception.

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