



# WELCOME TO THE SPRING TERM IN RECEPTION!

The staff in Reception this year are:

Sophia Groome	Class Teacher
Rachel Dennan	Class Teacher
Sarah Cobb	FS Leader/ DHT
Nazia Begum	Early Years Educator
Natalie Meiners	Early Years Educator
Charlie Pryer	Teaching Assistant
Shopna Khan	Teaching Assistant
Roushanara Khanom	Teaching Assistant

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## DATES AND REMINDERS

- ◆ All children must wear the full school uniform.
- ◆ Please ensure children arrive by 8.55 am.
- ◆ Please remember to provide your child with a coat, scarf and gloves.
- ◆ In Spring 1 we will be visiting Tesco to learn about the bread making process.
- ◆ In Spring 2 we will visit the Soanes Centre to learn about changes in the environment.
- ◆ The last day before the half term holiday is Friday 10th February 2017.
- ◆ A letter will be sent home to invite parents in to talk about their jobs. Please let us know if you are interested.
- ◆ If you have any spare materials such as foil, cotton wool, string please could you bring them into school.
- ◆ Please bring in any work children do at home for their learning diaries.

*I will be learning...*

### COMMUNICATION & LANGUAGE AND LITERACY

We will be building on children's phonics knowledge and encouraging them to read and write independently. Please ensure that your child has their reading diary and book bag daily and remember to read with your child EVERY night!



### MATHEMATICS

We will be developing our knowledge of numbers with a focus on calculating, doubling, halving and sharing. Children will use the outside area to solve problems and construct with 3D shapes which we will encourage them to name and describe.

### UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD

We will be exploring growth cycles and the natural world through our planting area outside. We will be planting daffodils and other plants, learning about how they grow and how we can look after the world around us.

### EXPRESSIVE ARTS AND DESIGN

Our topic this half term is 'Let's Pretend', so we shall be using our imagination to role play lots of different stories and even make up our own stories and characters. We will continue to explore rhythm-making in our weekly drumming lessons.

### COMPUTING

We will be exploring Bee-Bots and learning how to programme them whilst practising our positional language. We will continue to use computer programmes such as 2Simple.



### PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

We will be thinking about how our actions affect others in circle times. We will also be discussing the importance of health and self-care and what we can do to look after ourselves.

### PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

We will be focussing on movement this term within our PE lessons. We will have P.E. on alternate Tuesdays (see class windows for dates), please ensure your child has a full kit. Children will also be learning how to play different team games allowing them to understand how to follow rules and work together in a team.



### OUR TOPIC

Our topic this half term is...

**'Let's Pretend'**

## 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 7pm 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.

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

## What you will need ...

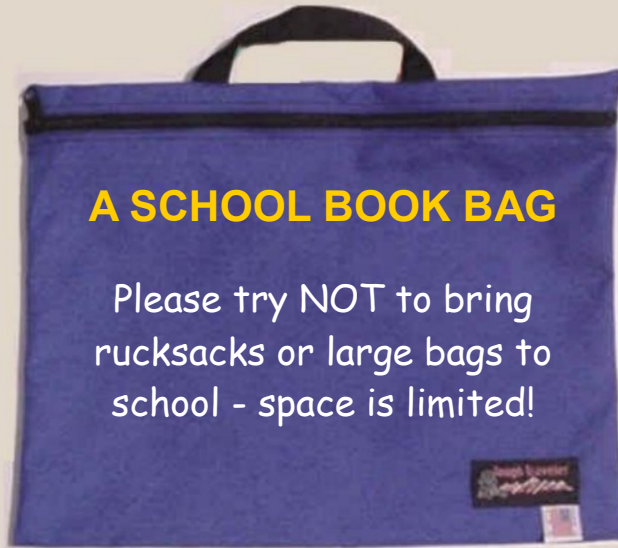


### SCHOOL SHOES

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.



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MRS KEMP

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



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