



WELCOME TO THE SPRING TERM IN RECEPTION!

The staff in
Reception this year are:

Anna Lindsey	Class Teacher
Nasima Yeasmin	Class Teacher
Lucy McCall	FS Leader
Farzana Khatun	Senior Teaching Assistant Early Years Educator
Amila Ahmed	Teaching Assistant
Roushanara Khanam	Teaching Assistant

DATES AND REMINDERS

- ◆ All children are required to wear a full school uniform.
- ◆ Please ensure children arrive by 8.55am.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ In weeks 2, 3 and 4 we will be visiting Tesco to learn about how to bake bread!
- ◆ The last day before the half term holiday is Friday 9th February 2018.
- ◆ Please bring in any work children do at home for their learning diaries.
- ◆ We will be continuing out High Frequency Word tests on a Friday so please keep practising at home!

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 and understanding of numbers with a focus on calculating. We will also be exploring size, length, distance, capacity and weight within our Maths lessons and also in our play.

UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD

We will be exploring growth cycles and the natural world through our new planting area outside. We will be planting beans 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 musical instruments and dance within our play.

COMPUTING

We will be focusing on using programmes on the computer. Children will play a weekly game or use a particular programme with partners to encourage turn taking.



PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

We will be developing our turn taking through the use of the Beebots and computer. We will also be discussing the importance of health and self-care; the importance of looking after ourselves and how we can do this.

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

We will be focussing on gymnastics 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 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.

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

What you will need ...

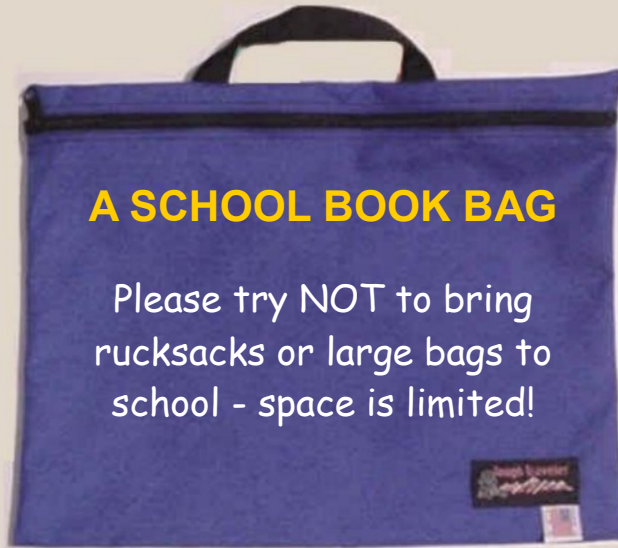


SCHOOL SHOES

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.



MARY the
COOK

MRS KEMP

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



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