

Reception Curriculum Letter

Term 1 | September 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are really excited to get to know you and your children over the next few weeks. The children have made a fantastic start, and we would like to thank you for your support in making their transition into Reception class a positive experience.

We understand what an important time starting school is for both parents and children, so if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to discuss them with any member of the Reception team. You may use Tapestry to contact us (making sure you use your child's account rather than the class account) or if you would like to see us in person it is always best to catch us at the end of the day. This year Mrs Nicholson, Mrs Dare and Mrs Reilly will be supported by Mrs Craig and Mrs Gray. Please find details of the Reception Teams' working hours below:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM	Mrs Nicholson Mrs Dare Mrs Craig Mrs Gray	Mrs Nicholson Mrs Dare Mrs Craig Mrs Gray	Mrs Reilly Mrs Dare Mrs Craig Mrs Gray	Mrs Dare Mrs Reilly Mrs Craig Mrs Gray	Mrs Nicholson Mrs Reilly Mrs Craig Mrs Gray
PM	Mrs Nicholson Mrs Dare Mrs Craig Mrs Gray	Mrs Dare Mrs Minett Mrs Craig Mrs Gray	Mrs Page Mr Meek Mrs Craig Mrs Gray	Mrs Dare Mrs Reilly Mrs Craig Mrs Gray	Mrs Nicholson Mrs Reilly Mrs Craig Mrs Gray

Over the next few weeks, we will be carrying out the statutory 'Baseline Assessment' required by the government. The assessment is a range of short interactive literacy and numeracy activities. Please use this link to find out more:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/reception-baseline-assessment-information-for-parents>

Best wishes,

The Reception Team,

Mrs Dare, Mrs Nicholson & Mrs Reilly



Reminders

- Please encourage your child to bring in their book bag every day.
- Please name everything, including water bottles and shoes to avoid confusion.
- Please can children not put water bottles in their book bags because leaking bottle damage our books.
- Being a healthy school, we encourage you to please fill your child's water bottle with water only and not juice or squash.
- Please discourage your child from bringing toys from home into school (unless it is a 'Show and Tell' item requested on Tapestry). We are a large class and things can easily be lost or broken.
- Please regularly check our 'Parent Noticeboard' outside in the playground to the left of the Reception door.

Tapestry

Please check that you are active on Tapestry, and do see us if you are having any problems. You will then be able to look at your child's school observations and add any of your own 'wow moments' from home.

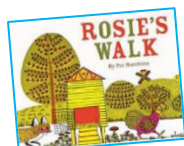
Supporting Your Child at Home

We will shortly be putting up information on Tapestry for parents regarding how you can support your child with their fine motor dexterity, phonics, literacy and maths skills at home.

Themes and Topics

This term's topic is, "Who am I?". We will be focusing on the 'Personal, Social and Emotional Development' part of the Early Years curriculum.

It is a chance for us to get to know each other, make friends and find out about our families and homes. As part of our learning, we will be reading 'You Choose', 'Tomorrow I'll Be Kind', 'The Colour Monster' and 'Rosie's Walk'.



Dropping Off



Please remember to always remain positive when you give a swift and loving goodbye! While your child is attending school for half the day, the Reception side gate will be open for drop off and collection. From Friday 13th September, the Reception children will line up on the yellow line in the playground. Children should wait for a member of staff to collect them, and be mindful of their friends when waiting and walking into school.

Forest School

From the 20th September, 'Forest School' begins and this will repeat every Friday morning. Wet weather gear, including waterproof jacket, trousers and wellies should be labelled and is to remain in a bag on your child's school peg. Children should arrive dressed in school uniform, but please consider adding an extra layer, gloves and hats as the weather gets colder.



Book bags

We will soon be sending home choosing books and picture books. We encourage you to share these books with your children and get into the habit of reading with them daily. You will receive prompts on how you can support your child with their reading in their reading record. With this in mind, we expect that book bags are brought into school each day.



Diary Dates



5th, 6th & 9th September

Group A: mornings with lunch 9:00-12:00

Group B: afternoons 12:45-3:00

9th September: Parents invited to join us for lunch 11:30

10th, 11th & 12th September

Group A: afternoons 12:45-3:00

Group B: mornings with lunch 9:00-12:00

12th September: Parents invited to join us for lunch 11:30

Friday 13th September

Group A & B: morning with lunch

8:50 – 12:00 Drop off in playground and pick up from Reception gate.

Week beginning 16th September

All children in full time (unless otherwise agreed with class teacher). Please note that children will continue to finish at 3:00 until half-term. Pick up and drop off from the playground.

Parents' Evening

Tuesday 15th October 3:30-5:30pm or

Thursday 17th October 3:30-7:00pm

(More details will follow)

Wednesday

23rd October 9.15-10.15

Nursery Rhyme Challenge

Children to sing nursery rhymes to parents, and followed by a chance to work with your child on various activities. (More details will follow.)

PE



We are very lucky to have our wonderful sports coach, Mr Meek

teaching PE every Wednesday afternoon. From Wednesday the 11th September, we kindly ask that the children come to school dressed in their PE kit (this includes morning and afternoon groups for the first week). This should be black or navy shorts/joggers, a white or navy T-shirt and trainers.