

# Reception Curriculum Letter

Term 2 | November 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you enjoyed a relaxing half term break and are now beginning to look forward to Christmas. This term is always a busy time in school and especially in Reception. Our topic will focus on thinking about 'Why do we celebrate?' We will be learning about Diwali, Bonfire Night and Christmas. The children will reflect on the similarities and differences between the celebrations, whilst also learning about the history and meaning behind the festivals. We will be starting to learn our Nativity songs for our Christmas performance, which we are excited for you to come and watch in person. The children always look forward to our Christmas lunch, and this is usually followed by a visit from Father Christmas who brings gifts from the PTA.

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.

## Supporting Your Child at Home

Thank you for all the fantastic reading going on at home. The children have been excited to share stories with you at home, and we will continue to send home books on a weekly basis. Please continue to record all your reading in your child's reading record. We know that our Friday certificate celebration is a highlight for many children.



## Dropping Off and Collection

We are proud of the positivity and confidence that the children are showing when coming into class in the morning. Thank you for supporting your child with this transition, and moving forward please ensure that adults and buggies stand to the side to allow the children to line up and walk into school independently. Remember that the Reception day now ends in line with the rest of the school, and **children are to be collected at 3:15pm.**

## Drawing Club

We were all excited to join drawing club last term, and the children wowed up with their creativity. This is part of our Literacy curriculum where we are encouraging the children to foster a love of books and story-telling, whilst developing their vocabulary and early writing skills. As part of drawing club, we will be reading 'What the Ladybird Heard' and 'The Magic Porridge Pot'.



## Read Write Inc. Phonics

We hope that you are as proud as we are, at how the children are embracing their phonics work. Over the next term, we will continue to introduce new letter sounds, segment and blend simple words. The children will be encouraged to read and write these letters and simple words. You can support your child's learning at home by using the laminated name/letter sheet you received at parents' evening and the sounds that we have been sending out every fortnight. If you would like more information on the RWI phonics programme, including correct pronunciation of sounds, please use the link below.

<https://ruthmiskin.com/en/find-out-more/parents/>



## Diary Dates



6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> November

Book Week

- **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November** 6pm  
Pyjama and story reading in school.
- **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November** Dress up  
as a book character

Week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> November

Anti-Bullying Week

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November

Read Write Inc. Reading Workshop  
2:45pm or 5:00pm (Please sign up on  
Tapestry)

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December

Grandparents' Day

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December

9:30am Reception Nativity Performance

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Lunch  
Reception Party

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Jumper Day  
LAST DAY OF TERM

## Outdoor Clothing

As the weather is beginning to get colder, please ensure that your child comes to school with a **warm waterproof coat every day**. We are outside every day and so make sure your child has a cosy hat and a pair of gloves all labelled with their name. Please make sure that your child's **wet weather gear remains in school and this includes wellies, waterproof trousers and jacket**. We will continue to spend every Wednesday morning outside, so it is important to make sure your child has enough layers on to keep warm in the winter weather.

