

Parent Information Reception Class 2020



Expectations of Class

We expect the children to respect each other and our classroom, and to follow the teacher's instructions. We encourage them to keep to our 'Golden Rules', which follow the whole school positive behaviour policy. These are written by the children in our class: - ***We are gentle. We are kind and helpful. We listen. We are honest. We work hard. We look after ourselves, each other and our property.***

We celebrate Golden Time on a Friday as a reward for keeping to the Golden Rules.

Reading

We will hear the children read their home readers in class, but it is extremely important that they read to you at home whenever possible, if not every night. A small positive comment or a short note about any problems would be helpful and **we will keep the book bags on a Monday night to enable us to change the books for Tuesday and we will change them again on Friday.** If we think your child is ready for a new book we will move them on, however, ***if there is no comment it will be presumed that your child has not read at home and we may not change their book.***

To start with your child will bring home a picture book that usually has a support sheet in for you, the main idea behind this is looking at the pictures and the children or yourself telling the story, trying to encourage story language and a widening vocabulary.

This will also help with inference, what do they think will happen next? What are the characters feeling? Why did that happen? Did you enjoy the story?

We will begin the reading process with your child when we see that they are remembering the letter sounds taught to them during our daily phonic sessions, which have already started in school; also that they can have a go at sounding out some simple CVC words.

PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD BRINGS THEIR BOOK BAG TO SCHOOL EVERYDAY as they are our main means of getting letters and information to you safely!

We will also at times send some homework related to what we are learning about in class or phonics or maths work as appropriate.

Phonics

We teach phonics in a discrete session **each day from 9.05 am to 9.30 am** therefore it is **vitaly important** that we have the children in class on time in the mornings so that they don't miss this aspect of their learning.

The children will be learning a new sound a day and then review them on a Friday.

Themes

Our themes for this year will include: -

Autumn Amazing Us, Amazing Stories / Colour and Light

Spring Journeys/Knights and Castles

Summer Change and Growth/ Traditional tales /Food

RE Topics The religious education programme we follow is; 'The Way, The Truth and The Life'.

Autumn Term God's World/God's Family

Spring Getting to know Jesus/Sorrow and Joy

Summer New Life/The Church

I will send home a topic letter each half term to let you know what the children have planned around our theme and ways in which you can support their learning at home.

PE is on Friday morning. **At the moment the children are to wear their PE kit all day.** In usual times we would encourage the children to dress themselves and you would need to be prepared for them coming out with clothes on inside out and backwards! Vests are the most tricky thing to reunite with the correct child so please put initials on the label.

Each week on a Friday we will have a **Celebration Assembly** where each class are awarded the following prizes; a Good Values certificate and a Good Behaviour award. Unfortunately this has to be done in classes at the present time but we will upload a photo of the children that have received the award on our Facebook page if they have parental permission to do so.

Thank you for your vital support in your child's learning.

Mrs Ritchie, Mrs Mackay and Jodi.