



Reception Curriculum Letter



14th September 2018

Dear Parents

Hello and welcome to Reception. Our class is also called Robin Class! We have been so impressed with how well all the children are settling into school life and embracing new challenges. We are looking forward to seeing you on Tuesday morning at the Curriculum Information meeting to discuss the children's learning in further detail.



Topics

The topics below are a starting point for the term ahead. We are always excited to listen to and follow the interests of the children so we allow for some flexibility.

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| -Starting School/Marvellous Me! | -People Who Help Us |
| -Harvest | -Autumn |
| -Diwali | -Bonfire Night |
| -Remembrance | -Christmas |

If any parents/carers/friends have a contact with 'People Who Help Us' who would be willing to visit school and give a short talk to the children about their role please speak to us ASAP!

If there are any parents who have specific interest/hobbies/talents which you feel could support other areas of the children's learning, we are always keen to welcome you into school.

Tapestry

We are in the process of setting up Tapestry profiles for each child. Tapestry learning journals allow us the opportunity to share your child's individual achievements, set home learning challenges and identify next learning steps. We would also like you to contribute to these by letting us know about 'Wow' moments in your child's development which you observe at home. We hope to have your log-in details ready by the end of next week.

Reading

Once we have completed our initial assessments and feel they are ready the children will begin to bring home reading books. Most children will begin with picture books which allow your child to make up their own story, familiarise themselves with characters and develop their vocabulary. As their phonic skills progress they will begin word books. Please do not underestimate the value of sharing a book more than once, there will always be something new to add or discover!

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The most effective way to encourage reading and foster a love of books is for you to read to your child, talking about the picture, discussing what might happen next and recalling the story once it is complete.

You can also make up simple stories together – the sillier the better!

Reading books will be changed 3 times a week (Monday, Wednesday and Friday), however they will only be changed if you have signed the reading diary.

Phonics

Our phonics work will begin with exploring rhyme and alliteration. We will then begin to introduce four letter sounds each week. We will focus on hearing and recognising each sound and quickly learn how to use just a few letters to blend and segment simple words. Please work with your child at home using magnetic letters or letter cards to master this essential skill required for reading and writing.

Mathematics

There will be a different maths focus for each week. This term we will be working on counting and number recognition up to 20, number formation up to 10, recognising 2D and 3D shapes, patterns and finding 1 more and 1 less from a group of objects.

Our maths activities are primarily practical hands on experiences which allow the children to grasp new concepts and develop their vocabulary.

PE

The children had a wonderful first PE lesson on Monday morning. Everyone participated with enthusiasm and tried their best to listen and follow the instructions for each game.

We have kept plimsolls in school to change into later in the morning. Please ensure your child always has appropriate clothing for the weather, for example, tracksuit trousers and a waterproof coat as, where possible, PE will be outside.

Chef

We are very lucky to be able to have cooking sessions with 'Chef' funded by PSALMS. Our first session will be on Thursday 27th September.

Useful Dates

- Tuesday 18th September - **Reception Curriculum meeting, 9am**
- Friday 21st September - **PSALMS cake sale 3pm – any contributions of cakes to the sale will be greatly appreciated**
- Sunday 23rd September - **Harvest Festival Service at Little Missenden Church, 10.30pm**
- Friday 5th October - **PSALMS coffee morning, after drop off at Costa Great Missenden**
- Wednesday 18th October – **'People Who Help Us Day' (further details tbc closer to the time)**

We are really looking forward to getting to know the children more and supporting them in their learning during the Reception year. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us to arrange a convenient time to meet.

Kind regards



Mrs Mellor

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