



Welcome to Reception

St Joseph's RC Primary School

Class Teacher: Mrs Knox



Welcome



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a lovely first week in Reception. The children are truly delightful and have settled quickly and effortlessly into the new routines and learning.

Water Bottles

In order to stay fully hydrated, children are invited to bring in a named water bottle (filled with still water only).

What We Are Learning



Our topic this half term is 'People who help us'.

We are hoping to have visits from members of the community to talk to us about their jobs including a builder, police and fire officers. If you, or someone you know, has a job that they could talk to the class about, please let us know. We would love to hear from you.

More details of our learning this half term can be found on the class website under 'Year Group Curriculum Plans'.

Reading



Learning to read is a vital part of Reception education. Your child will be given a reading scheme book and a sound blending book which will be changed each week. Please read these books with your child for a minimum of 10 minutes each day, sign the Reading Record Book and send the books in with them every day so that we can hear them read in school.

Reception children will choose a library book and can change this on Wednesdays or Fridays with Mr Knox straight after school.

School Times & Homework



Children will be dismissed from the Reception gate at the side of school at 3.10pm. Please indicate to staff that you have arrived and we will send your child over to you. If someone different is picking your child up, please call school in advance to let us know.

Homework will be sent home on Wednesdays to be returned on Mondays. Work not completed at home, will be done at playtimes so that children don't fall behind.

Please DO NOT complete the homework for you child. This does not aid their progress in any way. Please indicate whether your child has completed the homework independently (I), with a little support (LS) or needed much support (MS) so that we can gauge how they are doing and future homework.

Uniform



Children must be wearing their complete uniform which consists of:

- navy school jumper/cardigan,
- grey dress/ skirt/trousers,
- school tie,
- pale blue shirt (not polo shirt),
- black shoes (not trainers),
- grey socks/tights.
- All hair bobbles/bows should be in school uniform colours.

As shirts are to be worn tucked in at all times, please teach your child how to tuck them in. To encourage independence, please ensure that your child is able to fasten their shoes themselves.

On health and safety grounds, the only jewellery children are allowed to wear are stud earrings.

As much of our learning takes place outdoors, in all sorts of weathers, children will need a complete change of clothes (including underwear) and a named pair of wellington boots to stay in school.

Please ensure that you send your child with a hooded, named, waterproof coat each day.

Please ensure that all items are clearly labelled with your child's name.

P.E Kit



Children will need a P.E. kit in order to participate in P.E. lessons. They will need:

- A white t shirt
- Navy blue shorts
- Black, Velcro pumps

Please ensure all items are named.

Children will be given a P.E. bag to keep this in at school. Children will be expected to change themselves. Please encourage independent dressing and undressing at home.

Thankyou



Most communication will be done through Dojo messaging. If you haven't yet signed up, please do so ASAP.

We are happy to talk to you before and after school too - please just let us know.

We look forward to meeting you.

Mrs Knox, Miss Broomhead and Mr Knox