 September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

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

**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. 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’.

**Our school uniform consists of:**

* Navy school jumper/cardigan with light blue trim.
* 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 blue or black.

For health and safety reasons, the only jewellery children are allowed to wear are stud earrings.

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.

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** which willstay in school.

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

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.

**Home time**

Children will be dismissed from the Reception gate 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, you must call school in advance to let us know.

**Water bottles**

In order to stay fully hydrated, children are invited to bring in a named **water bottle** filled with still water only (no juices).

**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.

**Library**

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

**Homework**

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 gage how they are doing and future homework.

**Communication**

Most communication can 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.

Mrs Narciso