

Reception Information for Parents



We have had a good start to the year and have really enjoyed welcoming all our families old and new! We are looking forward to working with you and your children this year. This is our half termly newsletter to keep you informed of what your children will learn and experience in school over the coming weeks.

In reception there are two classes, the teachers are Mrs Walton, Mrs Webb and Mrs May. Both classes are supported by our very able teaching assistants Mrs Malandain and Mrs Furniss! Please do approach us at any time if you have any queries or concerns, we will always do our best to help.

Please note the following drop off and pick up times. We really appreciate you being punctual and sticking to these times; Drop off 8.40 and pick up at 3.15pm

Thank you



Personal Social Emotional Development

Our main priority this half term is to settle all the new children into reception so that they feel safe and secure and can make great progress in their learning.

We will be getting to know each other and sharing lots of starting school stories giving children opportunities to explore how this new experience makes them feel. We will be sharing ideas about how we can make our classroom a happy and safe place to be and familiarising children with school routines.

Children will become familiar with certain Mr Men and Little Miss characters which we will be using to explore how we can become good learners, for example Little Miss Curious and Mr Busy. You will see these characters displayed in the Foundation classrooms and probably hear the children talking about them over the coming year.

We will be continuing our work with the Happy and Sad faces, encouraging children to be kind with each other and take care of the resources and play together cooperatively.



Communication and Literacy

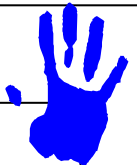
"Wonderful me! And Once upon a time." is our theme this half term so we will have lots of great stories to share.

We will be reading some traditional tales such as 'The Three Little Pigs', 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' and 'Little Red Hen' and learning to tell these stories together.

We will be finding out which are the children's favourite songs and rhymes and learning some new ones to share.

We will begin to teach our Read, Write, Inc. phonics programme during week 3, working hard on listening for sounds in words and introducing children to the letters that go with those sounds.

Read, write, Inc. Parents workshop on Tuesday 8th October at 9am. Letter will be sent out soon week to sign up to.



Snack Time

Snack time in foundation is an important part of our session, where children enjoy trying new foods, sharing food and conversation with other children and learning good table manners. Please don't forget to tell us about any allergies likes and dislikes, then we will be able to accommodate all their needs.

Maths

Our learning this half term will concentrate on; counting aloud, counting objects, recognising written numbers (1-5) and adding one more to a given number. We will be playing with shapes and making arrangements and patterns with them, plus talking about sizes. Encourage your child to use mathematical language, use numbers in their play, use words relating to size and ask them to help you sort and match things at home.



Fun things to do at home...

Reading - try and read every day at home. Share a book together and move your child's picture up the bookworm/reading ladder. Read ten times and get a prize and a certificate! (see our 'Super readers' display).

Look for letters, numbers and shapes in the environment with your child. Can they spot any letters like the ones in their name?

Play I-Spy something beginning with..... to help your child listen for sounds.

Continue to support your child on being able to dress and undress themselves.



Physical Development

Mr Littlewood our PE specialist will be visiting Foundation to play alongside the children and then becoming familiar with the hall. Please ensure that your child has a PE kit in school and it would help so much if all of their school uniform is labelled with their names so we can try to return them home with all of their clothes! It would also help if you try to encourage children to dress and undress independently at home. This will really help them when it comes to getting themselves changed for PE.

PE days:

Mrs Webb/Mrs May: Wednesday

Mrs Walton: Friday

For Health and safety reasons please take all earrings out on PE days.

Outside we will be practising skills with bats and balls, hoops, ropes, using the bikes and scooters and climbing safely on the new frame and tree area.

Please make sure your child has a waterproof coat and wellies to keep them warm and dry.



Creative Development

We have some great songs and dances to learn this half term, all about the getting to know each other. Down by the River, I've Got a Body, Autumn Colours, Dingle Dangle Scarecrow, Down on the Farm and Autumn Leaves. In art we will be concentrating on painting pictures of ourselves, colour mixing, and using tools correctly.



Appeals

We would love any old cardboard tubes, boxes, pots and other materials for junk modelling. We never seem to have enough. Thank you!

Understanding the World

To support our learning around the Little Red Hen we will be baking bread. Also we will talking about the changing season and taking the children on a walk looking for signs of Autumn.



Each class in school now have a twitter page. You can get access

via our website or on twitter: **@annsgroveFS**

We will be posting learning weekly and any messages sent will also be added, so keep checking...



Dates for your Diary

Parents Consultations - This is an opportunity to have a chat with your child's teacher at the end of the school day about how they have settled and how they are progressing. For Mrs Webb and Mrs May's class these will be held on **Tuesday 15th October and Thursday 17th October** and for Mrs Walton's class these will be held on **Wednesday 16th October and Thursday 17th October 2019**. A letter will be sent home to request a time nearer the time.

Family Learning - **Wednesday September 25th at 9.00am** called 'Kitchen Fun'- further information will be sent.

Stay and Play - **Thursday 24th October**- This is an opportunity for you to join your child in class from 8.50am - 9.50 am. There will be reading games and activities for you to share with your child. Come and join the fun!

RWI Phonics workshop for parents - **Tuesday 8th October 2019 at 9am-9.40am.**

