



### RECEPTION YEAR

September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

We would like to welcome you to the start of a new year. The children have already settled in well and are very busy with their daily timetable.

#### **Our Topic**

*Term 1: All about me.*

*Children will have the opportunity to share things about themselves and learn all about their new friends. We will talk about family, our favourite things and our bodies.*

#### **Maths and English**

In maths lessons, children will be learning about number and shape.

In order to support your child, you could talk about and point out numbers in everyday life. For example, prices in the supermarket, your house number, and numbers on road signs. Encourage for child to count everyday objects around the house, for example, chairs around the dinner table, books on the book shelf or steps on the stairs.

In English, your child will be learning how to hold their pencil correctly and how to write their name and other letters using the cursive text.

In order to support your child, you could encourage writing and drawing at home. For example, writing shopping lists, writing their name, drawing and labelling a picture. Please encourage your child to hold their pencil at the bottom using their two fingers and thumb.

Encourage your child to share a book at home every day and ask them questions at every opportunity. We aim to change books regularly.

Your child may bring a water bottle to school. Please ensure the bottle is clearly named and only contains water.

As we like to get outdoors a lot, please ensure your child has a pair of wellies and a waterproof coat in school at all times. You may wish to have a change of

clothes in school as we sometimes like to get messy! Please ensure everything is clearly labelled with your child's name.

#### **PE**

Our PE days are Monday (Chicks and Eaglets) and Friday (Owlets). Please ensure that your child has the appropriate PE kit. For outdoor games, the children need plain black/navy tracksuit bottoms, a plain white t-shirt, a plain sweatshirt and trainers. For indoor PE, the children need plain black/navy shorts, a plain white t-shirt and plimsolls. Every item needs to be clearly labelled and in a bag that will remain in school every day. Kits will be taken home to be washed at the end of each term. No items should be taken home during the term.

#### **Phonics**

Phonics is how we teach the children to read and spell words. We will learn new sounds each week. You will receive flashcards of the sounds as we learn them. Please look at these alongside your child's reading book at home.

#### **HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING THIS TERM:**

- Visit the library to find a book to read together.
- Go on a shape hunt around your house and take pictures to share at school.
- Learn a new nursery rhyme to sing together.



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**Nursery rhyme-**  
**Wind the bobbin up.**

Wind the bobbin up,  
Wind the bobbin up,  
Pull, pull, clap, clap, clap.  
Wind it back again,  
Wind it back again,  
Pull, pull, clap, clap, clap,  
Point to the ceiling,  
Point to the floor,  
Point to the window,  
Point to the door,  
Clap your hands together, 1, 2, 3,  
Put your hands upon your knee.

**Important Dates**

17.9.18 - School photographer Reception – Y6  
19.9.18 - Phonics Workshop for parents 2.30pm  
26.9.18 - SEND information session for parents –  
2.30pm  
16.10.18 - Parents' evening 3.30-6.30pm  
17.10.18 - Parents' evening 3.30-5pm  
19.10.18 - Last day of term 1  
5.11.18 - First day of term 2

*Cursive handwriting:*

**Handwriting**

a b c d e f g h i

j k l m n o p q r

s t u v w x y z

Yours sincerely

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Reception Class Teachers

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