



# Reception Information 2021/22



## Meet the Staff

- Ms Ball - Class Teacher.
- Mrs Tallentire - HLTA, supporting every day and covering PPA on a Wednesday afternoon.
- Mrs Herdman - TA, supporting Wednesday afternoon

## Phonics - How can you help?

- We will focus on Phonics Phase 2 from week beginning 27/09/21 beginning with s,a,t.
- There is a focus on hearing initial sounds in words e.g. s for sausage
- Throughout Phase 2, children will be taught to blend some cvc words e.g. s-a-t = sat  
p-i-n = pin
- The tricky words will be **I, no, to, go, into, the.**
- Asking your child what sounds they can hear will help them focus their hearing on specific sounds
- You can help at home by segmenting words to see if your child can hear the word e.g. "Do you want some j-a-m?" "Let's get on the b-u-s."

## English, Reading - How you can help?

- Please read a range of books with your child as much as possible, ideally every day!
- A powerpoint will be sent to you very soon which will give more helpful tips for reading and phonics
- Reading will start in class in the first half term then carry on with home reading after half term
- Home reading books will come home on Wednesday and should be returned on the following Monday
- Please ensure you sign and comment in your child's reading record at least once a week.
- An example of how you could read your child's reading book:
  - Wednesday, Thursday - Read and understand the story.
  - Friday, Saturday - Practice using taught phonics sounds to sound out and blend words, spot tricky words and read sight words (e.g. names of characters)
  - Sunday - You could also look for capital letters and full stops to see where a sentence begins and ends or you could think of alternate endings to the story.

## Maths - How you can help?

- There will not be maths homework this term, but there are useful activities you can do at home to help your child's understanding of number.
- Read books and try and spot the maths. A recommended reading list is included to help with different aspects of maths.
- A powerpoint will be sent to you very soon with more information about the maths scheme we follow and with more tips for encouraging maths in the home.



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- Your child will get their own log in for a Mathletics account and you can work through some of the activities available there at your own pace. The log in will be in the front of your child's homework book.

## Assessments

- We are constantly assessing your child throughout the term in all seven areas of the Early Years Framework.

## Behaviour expectations

- Reception class have already discussed our class charter and painted their handprint as agreement. This encourages, kindness, a good attitude and respect for others and the rules.
- Good behaviour is always encouraged and rewarded with:
  - Praise
  - House Points
  - Star of the Week
  - Class treats, (e.g. extra playtime, riding bikes/scooters) come through our 'Reward Rocket' where children are rewarded throughout the week for good choices.

## Homework

- Homework will be sent home on a Thursday in their book bags. This will focus on the phonics sounds your child is learning that week.
- Homework will begin when we start teaching phonics, week beginning 27/09/21

## PE Days

- Our PE day is a Thursday. Please come to school dressed in PE kit.
- PE will start on 30/09/21

## Reminders

- Please ensure your child brings to school:
  - **Named** water bottle (every day)
  - **Named** book bag (on required day)
  - **Named** spare clothes (to stay on peg in a small bag)
- Please check the school website, twitter and newsletter for regular updates.
- All other enquires to be made via the school office with Mrs Pattinson and Mrs Pinkerton, where your messages will be passed on and we will be happy to help!

Many thanks,  
Ms Ball and Mrs Tallentire