



# Our Reception News

## Autumn (1) Term Information

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### From the Reception Team

Firstly, we would like to say a big warm welcome to all of the children and parents in Reception. We have really enjoyed meeting you all this week and are so proud of how the children have settled in to their classrooms (and how quickly they have settled too!) This is sure to be an exciting term where the children get to know one another, as well as us and settle into the beginning of their journey at 'big school.' Newsletters are sent out electronically at the beginning of each half term and keep you up to date with the children's learning as well as any important notices and/or events.

**Jenny Eldridge, Patsie Garcia & Hannah Ingham**

### Our Topic

Each week, we immerse the children in a different text and/or theme. Our texts for this half term are:

- Week 1: Settling In
- Week 2: Giraffes Can't Dance
- Week 3: You Choose
- Week 4: The Large Family- Gill Murphy
- Week 5- The Dot
- Week 6- Nursery Rhymes

Alongside this we will be learning about our school values, our families and how to look after ourselves.

#### The Reception Team

We are lucky to have a large team in Reception. As well as our class teachers and nursery nurses, we would also like to introduce you to:

- Sam Pepper** - Assistant Head Teacher
- Liz Simmons** - Teacher in Baker Street on Wednesdays
- Debbie Mee** - Nursery Nurse (SEND)

### Donations

We use a variety of resources within the school day to enhance the children's learning. Please can we ask for any donations of recycled materials (such as cardboard boxes, cardboard tubes, plastic containers etc.), dry rice, dry pasta, flour, and salt.

We also value any donations for our outside environment including; gardening equipment, pots and pans (for the mud kitchen) and any thing else you no longer need! We would like to source some wooden cable reels and wooden palettes for our outside area- so if you know anyone who is able to help us in locating these, please let us know. *If any parents are willing to help improve our outside learning area, then please get in touch!*

### Things to Remember

#### Names in Uniform, Coats, Hats and Scarfs:

Please ensure that your child's uniform is labelled clearly with both their **NAME** and **CLASS NAME**. This ensures that all 'lost' clothing is returned to the correct class and in turn, the correct child. Please also ensure that your child's book bag is clearly labelled with both their **NAME** and **CLASS NAME** and brought into school **EVERYDAY**. We will soon be starting our reading sessions and will be sending reading books home every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. (More information to come.)

#### Letters & Parent Pay:

All letters are sent electronically through e-mail at Coopers Lane. Please ensure you keep your current e-mail address up to date with the school office to ensure that you receive all letters. Alongside this, all trips etc., are paid through 'Parent Pay.' All the children have now received letters (paper copy) giving you your log-in details for parent pay. If you have not received this letter, or have misplaced it, please contact the school office.

#### Spare Clothes & Wellies:

Please ensure your child has a spare change of clothes in a separate bag to be left on their peg at **all times**. This is really important as it means that your child can change into comfortable and familiar clothes in the event of any accidents. We are also asking for any spare, socks, knickers and pants you may have at home as our additional spare clothes are running very low! Thank you.



### Important Dates

- 4th October**- Literacy & Phonics Workshop @ 9AM (more info to follow)
- 10th & 11th October**- Individual & Sibling Photos (more info to follow)
- 17th and 18th October** - Parent Conferences