



Our Reception News

Autumn (1) Term Information

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From the Reception Team

We would like to say a big welcome to all the children and parents in Reception! We really enjoyed meeting you all during our virtual home visits on zoom and are looking forward to a fantastic first term with the children, here at Coopers Lane. Transition has always been important to us and due to the uncertain times we have faced recently, it is even more paramount than ever. This term we will be focusing on settling in and learning about each other. We will be sending out a newsletter at the start of every half term to keep you updated on the exciting things going on in Reception and are available after school to answer any questions you may have.

Jenny Eldridge, Patsie Garcia, Hayley O'Connor & Hannah Ingham

Our Topic

Our topic for this half term is:



'All About Us'

Throughout this half term we will be focussing on getting to know one another and settling in to Reception. We will be looking at books such as:

- Giraffes Can't Dance- Giles Andreae
- You Choose – Pippa Goodhart & Nick Sharratt
- Skin (My body, your body) – John Wood

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

Photos:

We would like you to bring in a baby photo of your child and also a family photo, for us to use during our learning this half term. Please note that we will be cutting these photos up in order to create a family tree so please make sure that these are copies and not your originals! We are asking for all photos to be brought in by **11th September**. These family trees will then be displayed in our classrooms for the rest of the year and are always a lovely talking point for the children.

Spare Clothes:

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 case of any accidents.

Things to Remember

Names in Uniform, Coats, Hats and Scarfs:

Please ensure your children's uniform is labelled with both their **NAME** and **CLASS NAME**. The children often misplace their jumpers etc., at break time and lunchtime and having their class as well as their name written clearly in their clothing ensures it 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.

Letters & Parent Pay:

All letters are now sent electronically through e-mail at Coopers Lane. Please ensure you keep your current e-mail address updated with the school office to ensure you receive all letters. Alongside this, all trips etc., are paid through 'Parent Pay.'

Forest School:

Each class will have the opportunity to learn in our fantastic forest school throughout their time in Reception! The forest school newsletter will be sent out over the next few weeks informing you of your child's forest school day and what you will need to bring in for these sessions. Please note: we are keeping up to date with all guidance regarding Covid-19, which may impact on our forest school sessions.

Our forest school teachers are:

Hannah Ingham, Hayley O'Connor & Pete Watts



Important Dates

October- Literacy & Phonics Workshop to be sent electronically (Date TBC)