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Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to Reception! We hope you had an enjoyable summer break. It has been so lovely to welcome the children back to school following the summer holidays, and we look forward to getting to know all the children in our class over the next few weeks.

Our Reception class team consists of four adults: Miss Ayton (class teacher on Monday, Tuesday and Friday), Ms Atkins (class teacher on Wednesday and Thursday), Miss Caseman (morning TA) and Mr Naguida (afternoon TA).

As we begin the autumn term, we are excited to introduce our curriculum questions: 'Who am I and who are my friends?' and 'Why are the leaves turning orange?' We will explore these questions through stories and activities linked to the EYFS areas of development.

Personal, Social, and Emotional Development

We will start this half-term by learning our classroom rules and thinking about ways we can be kind to one another. Children are always reminded to use 'kind hands,' 'kind feet,' and 'kind words.'

We will also focus on lining up, following instructions, and taking turns. Children will be supported to develop their self-confidence and form positive relationships with their peers.

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Communication and Language & Literacy

Reading and writing will be taught through our 'Essential Letters and Sounds' phonics scheme. Phonics is taught daily, and the children learn up to four new sounds each week.

There will be a **Phonics workshop** in early October. We highly encourage you to attend! You will receive information about this separately.

A phonics revision sheet(s) will be sent home every Friday. Please encourage your child to complete each piece of work, as it is an important consolidation of what has been taught in class that week. This is to be returned the following Wednesday.

We will begin sending home reading books this week. These books will be matched to your child's reading level, and each child will receive a different book each week. Please read with your child daily. New books will go home on a Friday, but we ask that you bring book bags daily as we will also be reading with children on different days each week.

We would like to remind you that there will be a £5 charge for any mislaid books. Unless otherwise informed, books not returned to school after a two-week period will be considered lost.

Mathematics

We will be following the Maths Mastery scheme. This term, children will learn to:

- Classify, match, compare, and order sets/objects.
- Recognize, describe, and copy colour and size patterns.
- Look at numbers up to 10, place them in order, and find one more or one less than a given number.
- Begin to explore addition and subtraction within 10.
- Explore everyday shapes and objects (3D) and use mathematical language to describe them.
- Use everyday language to talk about size, weight, and capacity. Start to compare and order objects.

Understanding the World

Our curriculum questions will help us to:

- Develop the ability to observe and describe accurately.
- Increase topic vocabulary.
- Talk about what we have done and how to improve it.
- Use and understand words such as: yesterday, today, tomorrow, last week, next week, past.
- Think about the importance of family.
- Explore and look out for seasonal change in our local area.

Religious Education

Our RE topics this term are 'Creation and Covenant' and 'Prophecy and Promise'.

Within our first topic, we will learn that God made each of us, so each one of us is very special. We must treat others in a caring way because God made them too.

In addition, the children will also be learning school prayers as well as daily prayers such as 'Our Father', 'Hail Mary' and 'Glory Be'. We will also be learning how to make the sign of the cross. During the week, children will also be taking part in collective worship both as a whole school and as a class.

Expressive Arts and Design

Activities will be linked to our topic and will include art, music, and role-play. Children will explore various artistic mediums, such as painting, junk modelling, and clay.

Physical Development

Fine and gross motor activities will take place throughout the day, as this is one of our prime areas of learning. This term we will focus primarily on activities that support fine motor skill development.

This will ensure that when children are ready to write they will do so with ease, comfort and control.

In addition, PE will be taught every Tuesday this half-term. Children will need to come in wearing their PE kit and will stay in it for the whole day.

Music

Reception children kickstart their musical journey with "Move to the Music: Skip, Hop and Jump."

This unit's emphasis on physical development and movement, focuses on refining motor skills. Building on their memory and imitation skills, Reception children then embark on "Follow the Leader: Tap with Me." This unit focuses on recalling patterns, actions, and rhythms. Children develop their ability to follow and tap out rhythmic patterns set by their peers or the leader, nurturing their cognitive and motor skills.

Important Days

Tuesday - PE day - Children to come in school wearing their PE kits

Wednesday - Reading folders in and phonics homework in

Friday - New reading books and phonics homework sent home

Daily - Reading folders brought in to school

Daily - Reading at home

Please ensure that your child has a water bottle with them at school every day which is **clearly labelled with their name.** We will send these back home daily to be cleaned and refilled.

Children also need to be in the correct school uniform, with each item **clearly labelled with their name.**

In Reception, children are provided with a piece of fruit/vegetable during the morning break; however, your child can bring their own from home if they wish.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to speak to a member of the Reception class team after pick-up. We ask that you kindly wait until all children have been safely dismissed first. Alternatively, you can email or phone the school office to arrange a meeting.

We look forward to a fantastic term ahead and thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Ayton and Ms Atkins

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