

## Welcome to Reception



A warm welcome to everyone! We have had a lovely time meeting and getting to know your children and we are all very excited about the year ahead! Our theme this half term is 'All About Me'. We hope the following activities will help the children to get to know each other better and also enable them to practise their listening and communication skills.

**Holiday photos:** We would like to make a display of the children's individual experiences during the holiday, so if you have any items, postcards and photos from either a fun day out or time away it would be very much appreciated. The children can bring these items in during the next couple of weeks.

**House Photo:** Could you also send in a photo of your child waving from your front door so we can talk about and create a class display about where we all live and the people who are important in our lives.

**Birthdays:** We will be talking to the children about when their birthday is and how old they are. They will each make a self portrait, looking closely at their skin, hair and eye colour.

Some parents like to send in treats for the other children on their child's birthday. We would like to suggest that if you would like to mark your child's birthday in this way, you consider donating a book (new or second hand) that can be added to our book corner rather than an edible treat as we are a 'Healthy School' and have children with a variety of allergies.

**Creative Workshop**: We would be very grateful for donations of spare 'creative' bits and pieces. Your 'junk' is our treasure! Please bring this in a separate bag that can be left for 72 hours before we use it. We are currently collecting the following items:

kitchen roll tubes, yoghurt pots, egg carton boxes, small boxes (e.g. toothpaste boxes), old wrapping paper, tissue paper, small plastic pots, pipe cleaners, pasta shapes, rice, lentils, cotton wool, milk bottle tops, scraps of material & ribbon.

**Reading:** On Wednesday, 16 September your child will have received a copy of the key 'First Words' for our reading scheme. Please practise these at home. We will be sending reading books home from Monday and will also send a separate newsletter on Monday with more details.

Curriculum Overview: Please be patient an overview of what we will be teaching this year is coming shortly.

Finally, we would also be grateful for donations of tissues for our runny noses!

Please do not hesitate to contact us about any concerns (ideally through our class email – see below), no problem is too small.

We are very much looking forward to working with you and your families,

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