

### Home learning:

Children will be given a levelled reading book at least two times a week (Monday and Friday) This will be once we have assessed the children. Children are welcome to change their books on other days too if required, all you have to do is ask. Children can also choose a library book from our reading area. Please make sure reading records are completed **every time** your child reads. Children will also have word trains with high frequency words for them to learn.

### Routines:

Class timetable will be displayed outside your child's classroom. This will inform you of PE days and routines. Please encourage your children to be walk into school independently. They can do it! Please remember to stand back when children are being released at the end of the day. Please wait until all children are released before speaking to the teachers.

### Frog:



You will be receiving your login shortly. Class teachers add lots of new information, ideas, questions and discussions points for the children to access.

### Attendance:

Please make sure your child attend school regularly unless they are feeling unwell. Children with high attendance receive certificates and prizes!



### Special dates and messages:

**27<sup>th</sup> September:** Roald Dahl book fair 3.30-4pm.

**29<sup>th</sup> September:** Roald Dahl dress up day - Bring £1

**10<sup>th</sup> October:** Parent meetings. This will be an opportunity for you to find out about how your child has settled into school. We will send out booking information soon.

**16/17<sup>th</sup> October:** Curriculum meetings 2-3pm. You will find out about our topics and what your children will be learning throughout the year.

We will be sending out letters with team colours for PE kits very soon. Term dates and information on upcoming events are available on the school website.

**18th October:** End of term family celebration 2.30pm -we hope to see you all there!



# Autumn 1st Term Edition 1 Reception Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

A big welcome to you all! It has been truly wonderful meeting you and your families on our home visits. Thank you for welcoming us into your homes, we have really enjoyed your hospitality. The children have settled into school really smoothly and are enjoying making friends and exploring their new classrooms.

The aim of this newsletter is to give you more detailed information about activities and events in Reception and further improve communication between school and home. We have a very busy term; read on to find out more.

From The Reception Team.



### Topic:

Our topic this half term is 'Marvellous Me' The children will be settling in to their new classes and getting to know their new friends and teachers. They will be exploring their new learning environments both indoors and outdoors.. They will be putting together class rules and settling into school routines. The children will be finding out about each other and what makes us special and unique. We will be taking the children on an autumn walk to look for signs of autumn.

### Maths:

This term we will be counting and matching objects to numerals. We will be looking at time linked to daily routines e.g., lunchtime, playtime and story time. The children will be exploring shapes and patterns. They will learn and sing number songs.

### Literacy:

During this term we will be practicing writing our names in different contexts: in sand, gloop and foam. We will be writing labels on models and messages in cards. We will be sharing books related to starting school and finding out information related to our class big cats.

### Reading:

Reading independently and effectively is arguably one of the most important skills a child learns. To support the work we do at school, children are expected to read **at home for at least 10 minutes** each day. Here are some tips to help your child with his/her reading:

- Listen to your child read as often as possible;
- Discuss the book with your child;
- Ask your child questions make predictions
- Be enthusiastic about reading!



Reading must be recorded in your child's reading record, which you will receive shortly. Please sign the reading record book and add a comment. It is very important that your child remembers to bring their book bag to school every day. We will check their reading records weekly. We appreciate your support in this. Questions to ask when reading with your child:

- Who is the author? Who is the illustrator?
- What do you like/dislike about the story and why?

- Which part did you like best?
- Is it a fiction or non-fiction book?
- Who is the main character in the story?
- What so you think will happen next?
- Can you think of a different ending?

### Equipment

Every child should have the following labelled equipment at school:

- water bottle
- Red book bag everyday



**PE kit:** Your child will be allocated a team colour before the end of term.

Please remember children need to wear sensible school shoes every day, not trainers or boots.

Please remember no jewellery is permitted other than a Sikh bangle. please refer to our jewellery policy on our website.

**Contact us:** Feel free to email us. Teachers will reply within 48 hours excluding holidays and weekends.

Please use this email address:

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**Mrs Rajia Ahmed - Assistant Head Teacher EYFS  
(Tigers class teacher)**



**Miss Melissa Giblin - Jaguars class teacher**



**Miss Sahra Tezel - Lions class teacher.**



**Miss Yael Mayer - Leopards class teacher.**



