

How You can Help at home.



Reading

After your child has settled into Reception, we will send home their first reading book! We kindly ask you to try to read with your child every night, even if it is for a short time.

Their first book will be a picture book. This is a great opportunity to learn how stories work for example, learning about the main characters, events and setting of the story.



Writing

We will begin to teach Letters and Sounds Phonics this half term. It would greatly help your child if they regularly look for letters and signs all around them, e.g. the T in Tesco.

As well as Phonics, we are practicing name writing in class. Any extra practice at home would be great.



Numeracy

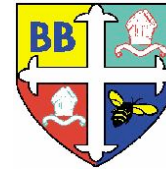
This half term we will be doing lots and lots of counting and number recognition games. Please help by counting anything and everything with your children in and around your home.



Useful Websites

Phase One Phonics- www.letters-and-sounds.com/phase-1-games.html

CBeebies www.cbeebies.co.uk

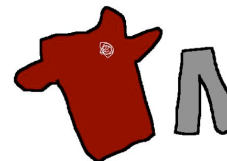


Reception

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We Work, We Play,



We Care, We Pray



Half Termly Overview of Work



Literacy

Elmer - Our first story in Literacy will be Elmer. This is a great story to link to our Personal, Social and Emotional development, helping us to talk about our similarities and differences.

People who help us - We will be looking at Non- Fiction books based around people who help us, such as Doctors and Nurses.



Numeracy - This term we will be;

- Counting to 10 and beyond
- Using numbers to identify how many objects are in a set
- Matching numerals and quantities correctly
- Using number names accurately in play.

Class Routines



Dinner Money

Under the new government 'Free school meals' initiative children are now entitled to a free school meal. As a result dinner money is no longer payable.



PE Kit

PE lessons in Reception will take place on a Wednesday morning. Please ensure your child has their full PE Kit (black shorts/ leggings, white T-shirt and black pumps) with them in school at all times, from Monday 21st September.

The Children will be reminded to take it home at the end every half term.



Snack

Children will be offered a healthy morning snack. Please ensure that they bring £1 to school on Monday mornings. This is used for purchasing snack and consumable materials e.g. play dough, prizes and baking ingredients.



Dates to remember

September

24th Eid- School is closed.

25th Roald Dahl day.

October



School Trips

There are currently no trips planned.

Science

This half term we are learning about 'Ourselves'. We will be talking about the things that make us unique and the similarities and differences between our friends and families.

Autumn - We will also be observing the changes in the seasons. This will open up discussion around plants, animals and natural objects.

Phonics

This half term we will begin Letters and Sounds phonics Phase 1 and 2.

Phase 1- This will include tuning into sounds in the environment as well as in words. We will begin by listening to the initial sounds in words.

Phase 2- Children will begin the learning the sounds of letters, starting with s, a, t, p, i, n.

Important information:

- Please send your child's PE kit in from Monday 21st September. This consists of a white polo shirt, black shorts or leggings and black PE pumps.
- £1.00 snack money will be collected on Monday mornings.
- Children will begin full day sessions from Wednesday 23rd September. These are 8.55am to 3.20pm



RE

This half term the topic is 'I am special'.



Computing - Reception will be

learning about what is safe behaviour online and building up mouse control using Paint.



PE - Reception will be doing 'Games'

this half term.



Homework

Once the children are ready, we will send home a new reading book every week to be read for 5 minutes every night.