

Welcome to Reception

The Team

We have a super team to help and support the children on their learning journey.

Mrs Foster— Donaldson Class teacher.

Miss Sellers and Mrs McGowan— Rosen Class teachers.

Mrs Baker and Mrs Chambers—teaching assistants.

The children will see all of the staff each day and get to know us all really well. If you have any quick questions or concerns please feel free to speak to one of the team at pick up time.

Phonics and Reading

The children will begin learning to read and form their letters properly from the beginning of term, through our phonics lessons delivered using the Read Write Inc programme.

The children will come home with their sound sheet each day, so use this to help them practise each new sound. We will also send home reading books from the 4th week once the children have been taught to blend sounds into words.

Not all children will receive the same kind of book, the book they receive will depend on the speed at which they are picking up the sounds.

Books will be changed once a week and should be read at least 4 times at home with an adult. We will also hear the children read their book at school so please ensure they bring it to school each day.

Phonics and reading information sessions will be held for parents, giving you lots more information about helping your child to read. We strongly advise all parents to attend one of the sessions, so you can help us give your child the very best start in reading.

Your little one has started school—this is a huge moment in your family and a significant change for all of the children.

There are lots of new things to learn! We will start this term by ensuring the children get used to all of the new routines and rules that they will experience and need to follow in school.

This term we will have a higher number of adults around at drop off in the morning to support the children settle quickly. Don't worry if there are tears occasionally—this is completely normal and all of our team are highly experienced in comforting and settling the children quickly once they come into school. Please be aware that our priority will always be the children so if you have a message to pass on please be patient with us and allow us to settle the children through the doors first. Please keep quick messages for drop off and leave any longer messages for pick up after school when we will have more time for the adults.

We will spend the first 3 weeks in the hall with them at lunch to settle them in. The first official Parent's Evening will be held in the last week of this term, so please keep a look out for the email informing you about how to book an appointment.

Curriculum

This term our focus is People and Places giving us a chance to get to know our new children and lots of opportunities for conversations about their families, homes and favourite places.

We will be using our Summer Scrap Books as the starting point and inviting the children to share them with staff and their new friends.

We will also have focus stories each week, look out for titles relating to our class authors Rosen and Donaldson. The children should also be able to tell you a story by the end of this term—please ask them about The Little Red Hen.

Please ensure EVERY item they bring into school is named—we are unable to help find or return any items without a name.

Tapestry

All of the parent accounts for Tapestry (our online communication system) have been set up and sent out. You will receive an email to set up your parent account—check in your Junk/Spam folders in case it hides there. Tapestry is a fantastic way for you to see what your child has been learning at school each day.

We welcome and actively encourage all parents to post the children's achievements, interests and home learning. Please send us photographs/videos of the children;

Reading their home reading books, practising their sound sheets, riding their bike/scooter, visiting places and explaining what they see, counting, showing us their talents etc.

One post a week would be fantastic.