

Reception

Maple and Willow Class



Autumn Term 2016

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to Reception!

During the first half of term we will be working on the topic of 'Ourselves'. The topic for the second half of term will be "Under the sea".

We will be teaching these topics through the 3 prime areas of development listed below:

Communication and language

- Speaking clearly and listening and responding to adults and other children
- Talking clearly to each other and developing confidence
- Developing their language through stories, songs, and activities

Physical development

- Through our P.E and outdoor session's children will develop climbing, jumping, running and balancing
- Use small and large equipment (balls, ropes and hoops) to develop skills
- Use writing materials, developing correct pencil grip
- They will learn about the importance of keeping healthy and make healthy food choices.

Personal, social and emotional

- To share and take turns fairly.
- To be a good friend and know how to make friends
- To talk about their feelings and respect the feelings of others.
- To dress and undress independently
- To manage person needs independently (toilet, washing hands)
- To develop a positive sense of themselves

Also through the four *specific* areas:

Literacy

- To link sounds and letters
- To begin to read and write.
- To enjoy books, poems, plays, songs, rhymes etc
- To develop a love of reading

Expressive arts and design

- To sing a number of simple songs
- Use musical instruments creatively to make sounds
- To join in art and craft activities (painting, crayons, collage and junk modelling, exploring colour, texture, shape, form and space)
- To use their imagination in art and design, music, dance, role play and stories to express themselves
- To build imaginatively using different construction sets

Understanding the world

- To understand past and present events in their own life and those of family members and the community.
- To learn about the culture and beliefs of themselves and of other people
- To use ICT (bee-bots, computers, digital cameras and tape/Cd players)
- To explore the environment around them.

Mathematics

- To count, sort and recognise numbers
- To write the numbers correctly
- To play simple addition and subtraction, playing mathematical games
- To solve simple number problems
- To describe simple shapes and measures.

Things to remember...

Book Bag

Reading at home is a valuable experience and can have a huge effect on your child's progress. It is very important that these are taken home daily and books are read every night to your child. We will begin to issue books once the children are settled.

P.E Kit

Please make sure their kit is in school all week. P.E kit is blue shorts, a white t-shirt and plimsolls. P.E kits are available from the school office. As P.E is part of the National Curriculum your child is expected to participate. We will expect every child to take part unless a Parent or Carer has notified us. Any child without a P.E kit cannot take part in the lesson.

Jewellery

It is school policy that no jewellery should be worn in school with the exception of stud earrings and watches. Children will be asked to remove hoop earrings in school, as these are very dangerous especially during playtimes and P.E.

Class fund

We ask for a donation of £1 each week which is used to help fund classroom activities (cooking ingredients etc). This should be brought to school on Monday.

Lateness

Please ensure that your child arrives in school ready to be taken into class for 8.50am. Children who are late cause disruption and miss the beginning of the lesson. The gate is locked at 9.00 a.m. After this time you must take your child in via the main entrance. If your child is late then you must take your child to the classroom and then tell the office in person that your child is now in school. Please ensure that we know exactly who your child is leaving with at the end of the day.

Important dates for the diary

We will be holding a 'Meet the Teacher' welcome talk on Wednesday 5th October at 9 O'clock, where we will give you some more information about the Reception curriculum and what to expect this year. We will also be able to answer any queries you might have.

If you have any questions, concerns or would just like to say hello please don't hesitate to meet with us after school when we will always be available.

Miss Franklin and Miss Sketchley.