

WELCOME

A huge welcome to all our lovely families. We have had a busy start to the year but the children have been a credit to you all and settled really well into their new routine.

Our theme for the first few weeks is 'All about me'. The children will be looking closely at their features, comparing with others, identifying family members and places that they live. We will move on to 'Houses and Homes' where we will look closely at different types of houses, including animal homes.



In maths, we are exploring number. We are learning ways to recognise a group of objects quickly and find lots of ways to represent them.



We make sure the learning environment encourages communication between peers, hands on experiences, peer to peer interactions and lots of opportunities to learn through play.



Meet Our Staff...



Mrs Schofield
Reception Teacher
EYFS/KS1 Team leader



Miss Reid
Reception
Teaching Assistant



Mrs Nagy
Nursery Teacher



Mrs Uttley
Nursery Teaching
Assistant



Mrs Sladkiowicz
EAL Teaching
Assistant

Communication



Tapestry is our online learning journey. By now, you should have access to your child's journal. If you are having trouble logging on or have not yet received a link for Tapestry, please let a member of staff know.

Class Dojo is a great form of communication between you and your class teacher. You are able to view our weekly updates, access your child's points and complete online tasks set by the teacher.



HOME LEARNING

Top tips for supporting your child at home...

1. Talk to your child about **everything and anything**. Communication and language is key to learning and will support all areas of the curriculum. This includes LOTS of reading!
2. Involve them in activities you do at home and talk to them about what you are doing; loading the washing machine, preparing/washing food for dinner, setting the table, pairing socks etc
3. Find learning in everyday activities; counting the steps up to bed, singing number songs whilst travelling to school, recognise bus/house numbers, ordering shoes by length etc
4. Count down/up and see how quickly they can get changed—they love to win a race! Can they beat their time the next day?
5. Routine is important— use the vocabulary 'then, next, later, tomorrow, yesterday'.

Lunchtime

Please ensure your child has a healthy lunch if they bring in their own lunch—no biscuits, chocolate or fizzy drinks.



Choking Hazards - please make sure all small foods such as grapes are cut into smaller pieces.

If you would like a copy of the menu, please let a member of staff know.

Early Reading

Reception have started their reading journey through the scheme Read, Write, Inc. They will be learning how to write a series of sounds, how to segment and blend words. They will use their phonic knowledge to write words and short phrases.

Please visit '[Ruth Miskin Training](#)' via YouTube for some online support videos.

Nursery will begin the year with focussing on speaking and listening. They will be having lots of story, song and rhyme time.



Uniform

Please encourage your child to dress themselves at home as this will support them changing independently for PE. Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name on.



Nursery PE: Wednesday

Reception PE: Tuesday

No earrings are to be worn for PE and only studs are allowed for a normal school day. Please take out earrings before coming to school.



As the winter months creep in, please make sure your child has a warm coat with them. We also ask that children bring in a pair of wellies to keep at school for playing outside or for any muddy adventures that we might have.

To support the children to make positive choices and follow our Golden Rules, we refer to the star. If a child makes a choice which shows staff they can follow the Golden Rules, then their name is placed on the 'star'. They will also get a small reward from the prize pot.

Every Friday, we have an afternoon treat to reward good behaviour throughout the week. The children vote for this themselves and look forward to sharing it together.

Reading records will need to be filled in daily for any books that your child is bringing home to read or share together. This includes library books.

