



# Reception Term 1 Parent Overview - 'People who help us'



We hope that your child's transition into school has so far been a smooth and happy one, and that they will enjoy coming to school and learning in a fun and multi-sensory way. We believe that we need to work together with you to make this happen, therefore, please do not hesitate to contact us by Tapestry, phone or email if you have any queries. In the Reception class we like to share your child's home achievements in school with **Wow! Vouchers**. You will have received **Wow! Vouchers** either during your 1:1 classroom visit or you will get them in your child's book bag for you to complete, if you wish; it would be lovely to share your child's home successes in the class so please send them back in your child's book bag.

This term our topic is 'People who help us'. During the term we will be creating an outdoor role play area with the children based on the topic. We would like to invite any parents or grandparents in to the class to help us with this topic (e.g. if they are a nurse, police officer etc), so if you think this is something you could help us with, please let us know. Also, if you have any books, objects or photos that link to this topic, please feel free to send them in (named please!).

We also recognise the importance of planning based on the class's interests. Therefore, if your child has a particular interest or has an experience outside of school that they would like to share (e.g. going camping or to a wedding), please let us know and we can try and include it in our planning and play provision. You can share such experiences via Tapestry and then your child can tell the class about it.

### Reminders

**We will be doing outdoor PE on a Wednesday so from Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, your child should come to school wearing their kit every Wednesday. We will also be doing a lot of outdoor learning so your child will need a named pair of wellies to keep at school and a coat on rainy days.** Below is an overview of what we will be learning in Reception this term. If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact us. Thank you. Mrs Turner (Class Teacher), Mrs Williams (Class Teacher) , Mrs Harris (Teaching Assistant) and Miss Williams (Teaching Assistant).

### **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**



It is very important to us that your child feels happy and safe at school so this will be our focus for Term 1. The children will be warmly welcomed into the school and be gently eased into school and class routines and rules, so that they become confident and secure in their new environment. The children will also take part in a variety of circle-time activities and games to help them form good relationships and develop their confidence.

### **Communication and Language**



In their first term the children will be listening to nursery rhymes and traditional stories, with lots of opportunities for them to join in, helping them to develop their speaking and listening skills and to recognise rhythm and rhyme.

The children will have the opportunity to share their special bags with their friends which will be a great way to build new friendships and develop their speaking and listening skills.

<p><b>Mathematics</b></p> 	<p>Number work will be practical and fun! We will be looking at a number a week. The children will play a range of mathematical games and puzzles to enhance their learning. During class activities they will be learning songs and rhymes that involve counting on and back, adding and subtracting. The children will practise counting in 1s to 5 and then to 10 using physical objects, and in practical activities begin to add and subtract. The children will be introduced to and then begin to read numerals 0-5.</p>	<p><b>Literacy</b></p> 	<p>In English the children will be introduced a range of characters and books and will begin to develop early reading skills. They will take part in a range of 'pre-writing' activities to develop their small motor control, for example tracing, bead threading, and mark making. The children will be introduced to letter sounds in class and we will be sending home a sound folder so you can practise these at home. Your child will initially have a picture reading book and once we start to learn the sounds and how to blend them, they will then begin to send word books home. We will be holding a Phonic Information Evening in the next few weeks.</p>
<p><b>Expressive Arts and Design</b></p> 	<p>The classroom and outdoor environment is set up for the children to explore a range of creative activities. We have a 'Creation Station' in the classroom where the children can paint, construct, cut and stick independently. Our inside role play area is a home corner this term and the children will have access to this every day. The children will be given lots of opportunities to express themselves musically, both in music lessons and in free-choice time with musical instruments outside. They will be introduced to simple songs involving lots of actions, and will learn songs and dances to enhance their topic work.</p>	<p><b>Understanding the World</b></p> 	<p>Our main topic this term will be 'People who help us'. We will learn about this through school visitors, role-play, books and other resources. We will also use the children's postcards as inspiration for learning about the places they have visited. We will be learning about our school environment and discussing what our favourite areas are. The children will be able to construct using a range of small and big blocks, Duplo, Lego and stickle bricks. In Religious Education we will be thinking about 'What makes me Special?' We will look at our special bags and talk about how we are all special and unique.</p>
<p><b>Physical Development</b></p> 	<p>The children will take part in physical activities on a daily basis. They will be introduced to the outside water area, mud kitchen and wheeled toys and the parachute which will develop their social skills as well as their physical skills. In Games at first the children will be using their listening skills to find a safe space to work in with equipment. They will then learn how to handle, throw and catch bean bags. We will also be supporting the children to develop their fine motor skills through 'Dough Disco', 'Squiggle Whilst You Wiggle' and our 'Funky Fingers' area. These activities will help the children to build up the strength in their hands, arms and fingers, which will go on to help them with their hand-eye coordination, pencil grip and pencil control.</p>		

