

## Autumn Term

The Reception team would like to say a big hello and welcome to all our parents.

### The Reception Team

#### Ladybird Class (RL)

Miss Rafique (YTL)

Mrs Dumitru (Nursery Nurse)

#### Butterfly Class (RB)

Mrs Kainth (Class Teacher)

Mrs Rajan (Nursery Nurse)

#### Grasshopper Class (RG)

Miss Zambuko (Class Teacher)

Miss Kapadia (Nursery Nurse)



#### Topics being taught this term:

Our topic this half term is 'This is us'. After the half term holiday we will be learning about 'Festivals and Celebrations'. If your child has any books, pictures or photographs of themselves, families and celebrations please can they bring them in to show the class, as we would all love to see them and learn more from each other. To avoid any disappointment or upset please leave all toys at home.



There will be time in each class for 'Show and Tell' on Fridays, so if you have made or created anything exciting at home, we would love to see it! This could be anything from writing and drawings produced at home, postcards from holidays, or photos of places they have been to.



#### Phonics workshop for parents

This will be held on the 11<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 9.00am and 2.30pm please do try to attend one of these sessions as these sessions are very helpful and would provide you with some guidance on how you can support your child with their phonics at home.

### How you can help your child at home

We value the support you can give to your child at home. It really does make a big difference.

**Self-care:** We would like parents to encourage their children to be able to go to the toilet independently and remind them about good hygiene.

**Dressing and undressing:** Can we please ask parents to support their child with dressing and undressing independently. Also teach them to put on their coats and do up their zips

independently too. Please provide your child with velcro straps on shoes and not laces, as laces can be a tripping hazard and children are unable to tie up their laces by themselves.

**Lunch times:** We are encouraging children to eat a variety of healthy foods independently, using knives, forks and spoons. Please support your child with the use of these at home as well.

**Reading:** Your child will bring their reading books home after the half term. Please ensure that your child's reading record and reading books are kept in their book bag so they are returned to school every day, as we read with your child regularly in class. Please try to hear your child read for short sessions as often as possible. It is important for you to re-read familiar books as well as new ones.

**Writing:** In Reception we introduce children to pre-cursive handwriting. Please encourage your child to form pre-cursive letters when practising handwriting with them at home.

**Sounds:** Every week your child will be learning new sounds. These will be sent home in their reading folder. Please try to ensure your child practises the letter sounds on a daily basis.

**Maths:** We are focusing on numbers 1-20 this term. We would like parents to support their children with counting up to 20 objects accurately and also being able to recognise and form the numerals correctly. In Shape Space and Measure children will be focusing on recognising the names and properties of 2D shapes such as; oval, circle, square, rectangle, triangle, hexagon and a pentagon. They will also begin to use language related to size. For example; big, small and medium size and ordering different objects in size order.

## P.E.

P.E takes place every **Wednesday**.

- Please make sure your child has a P.E. bag containing the following in school:
  - ~ White t-shirt
  - ~ Navy or black shorts/ jogging bottoms (for the winter months)
  - ~ White/ Black plimsolls

Please clearly label anything your child brings or wears into school with their name and class. This includes their coat which should be brought into school daily due to the changeable weather.

## Contribution

To cover the cost of ingredients for play dough, any cooking and additional creative activities we are asking for a contribution of £15 for the whole year. Please give this to the class teacher. Any money that comes into school (cooking money, trip money or other contributions) must be in an envelope clearly **labelled** with your child's name, the amount and what it is for.

Children have been learning about our values and what they mean.

Our values

H- Honesty

E- Empathy

A-Aspiration

R- Respect

T- Team player

REWARDS

Stickers

Class treats

Certificates

Tell parents/carers

Show another teacher



CONSEQUENCES

3 chances/warnings.

Thinking chair.

Being sent to another class.

Speaking to parents/carers.

Miss 5 minutes of playtime.

We look forward to working alongside yourselves to enable your children to become independent learners making their first year in full time education a memorable one.



Thank you,

Reception Team.

