## **Dates For Your Diary:**

**INSET Day – Thursday 5th January** Spring Term begins – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January National Storytelling week- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January LGBT+ History Month- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February Children's mental Health week- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February Take One Book Exhibition- Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January Half term – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February Safer Internet Day- Tuesday 14th February World Book Day – Thursday 2<sup>rd</sup> March British Science Week – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March Open Evening- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March Red Nose Day- Friday 17th March World Poetry Day – Monday 21st March Scholastic Book Fair- Thursday 23rd March Parent Consultations- Wednesday 29th- Thursday 30th March Last day of term – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March **INSET Day- Monday 17th April** Summer Term Begins – Tuesday 18th April

Finally, don't forget to check the weekly newsletter and messages on Class Dojo Class if you have any queries, please don't hesitate to send a message to your class teacher via Class Dojo.

Miss Rose Mrs Clayton

Miss Long Mrs McCormack Mrs Peeroozee Mrs Fox-Edwards







# **Termly Information**

Reception Spring Term 2023

## Welcome

Happy New Year and welcome to the second term in Reception!

This term, the children will continue to learn through a combination of self-chosen Independent Learning (IL) and Adult Led (AL) small group activities. Topics and themes will be led by the children's interests. This may mean that we may focus on an activity for a few days or sometimes for a few weeks. We are also lucky to continue to have our fortnightly French sessions with Mrs Lloyd-Williams.

#### Arrival and pick up times

Reception doors are open at 8:40am ready to learn by 8:45am. Pick up is 3:10pm.We will be continuing with the same timings for the start and the finish of the day. Please note that register closes at 8:50am for Reception, so we have to mark the children in as 'late' from 8:50 onwards.

If somebody different is going to pick up your child please inform a member of staff in the morning and ensure the person collecting the child knows the safeguarding password you have provided us with.

## **Sickness**

If your child has sickness or diarrhoea, they will need to stay at home for a full <u>48</u> <u>hours</u> after the final bout of sickness or diarrhoea. Please do not send them back any earlier even if they seem well enough or are eager to return. If you child has a high temperature, please keep them at home until the temperature has subsided. Children can still attend school if they have a cough or cold. Thank you.

#### Water bottles and snacks

Please provide a named water bottle for your child to bring into school on a daily basis.

# **Clothing**

Please ensure that your child comes to school in the appropriate footwear and clothing as stated in the parent handbook. From this term we will be checking that all children are wearing the correct school uniform including shoes.

Your child has the opportunity to go outside every day during Independent Learning and during Adult Led activities. Children may choose to play indoors or outdoors or a mixture of both. Please make sure your child comes to school this term with a warm, waterproof coat. We learn in all weathers, including the rain, so if your child does not have suitable clothing then they may not be able to join in with all activities. **Please supply a full set of spare clothing, including underwear to be kept on your child's peg in their P.E or other small bag**. The children will also need a pair of named wellies, which are kept outside on the rack and can be taken home over the weekend. <u>Please name all clothing</u>.

## PE

We continue to have indoor PE on Tuesday mornings and outdoor PE with Miss Breckenridge on Thursday afternoon. Please check that your child is wearing full PE uniform.

## Reading

Please continue to read with your child at least four times per week. We collect their reading books, reading records and library books in on a Thursday and reissue on the Friday ready for the weekend.

#### **Tapestry and Wow Moments**

We would love to share in your children's learning that they have completed at home. Once you have logged in to your child's portfolio, you are also able to add your own observations of any 'wow moments' you have seen at home. This can include a photo and/or a video too! We are then able to share these 'wow moments' with the rest of the class. These will not be timetabled into a rota, as we would like them to be as spontaneous as possible. This may mean that children may not have a special moment for a couple of weeks, which will then make it even more special for the children to share.

## Values certificates

We will continue to award our values certificates to children during our Friday class assembly in which we celebrate the children's efforts, achievements and successes. These are awarded each week to children in Reception who have achieved something extra special. It may be that they have been a really good friend or they have been especially helpful. They may have done something for the first time or perhaps they have tried really hard at something tricky. All will be linked to our school values of Respect, Responsibility and Resilience. Please do not worry if your child has not yet received a certificate, as we usually award two certificates per week so it takes at least a term and a half to cover all children!

## Junk modelling

The children love junk modelling, so we are always happy to receive any of your 'junk' such as cardboard tubes, boxes and bottles to keep our workshop area stocked up.

**Mystery Guest** Now that your children have settled into their routine in reception we would like to offer parents an opportunity to be our mystery guest. The role of a mystery guest is to share a special hobby or their job with the rest of their child's class or to read a favourite story. To make it really secret for the children please message the relevant class teacher on Class Dojo to arrange a time to come and visit. This can be parents, grandparents, aunties or uncles, in fact anyone that your child knows well. This will take place at a mutually convenient time during the school day. We will start the sessions after half term, once your child has settled into class so, please contact your class teacher so they can book you in. As you are a mystery guest, please keep your visit a secret so the children will have a lovely surprise!

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