

Friday 13<sup>h</sup> September 2019

Dear Parents,

## **Welcome to Reception Class**

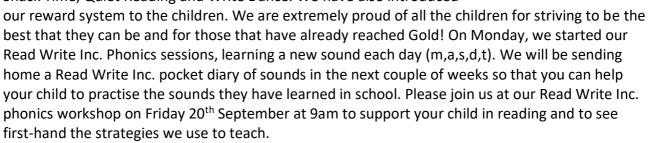


What a fantastic week with all the children! We have been extremely impressed with the way the children have come into class in the morning, so confidently and independently and have settled to their learning activities as well as exploring all of our wonderful resources both indoors and outside. The children are already showing us what they can do, from wonderful sitting and careful listening, to looking after one another and our learning

environment. We have a feeling this is going to be a fabulous year!

# Our learning this week

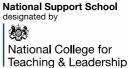
During our first full week at school, we have been focusing on getting to know one another and exploring our indoor and outdoor learning environments. The children have been spending time in their Key Worker Groups and they have been practising key routines, including Snack Time, Quiet Reading and Write Dance. We have also introduced



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On Tuesday, the children were so excited about their first PE lesson and were thrilled to receive

their 'colour' team t-shirt. These will be kept together with their PE kits until half term, when we will send it home for washing. During PE, the children experimented moving in different ways, negotiating space and copied actions in time with the music or tambourine. Please ensure you send your child's PE kit into School in a separate bag if you've not already done so comprising of black/blue PE shorts, pumps/trainers, outdoor clothing such as a dark tracksuit top and bottoms.

During child-initiated sessions, the children have been keen to explore our outdoor areas, in particular the role-play, mud kitchen, sand and water areas of provision. The children have also experimented creating obstacle courses and building interesting structures using crates and wooden blocks. The children have also enjoyed making space rockets, designing models and re telling their own versions of our shared story 'Whatever Next' by Jill Murphy using a variety of props! Next week, we will continue to build upon their interests and ignite their beautiful imaginations.





#### Reminders

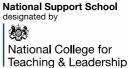
Please do ensure your child comes to school every day with a coat as your child will be outside whatever the weather, as well as a water bottle and a book bag

If you would like your child to receive milk for morning snack time, please register online and order with cool milk. Here is the link <a href="http://www.coolmilk.com/">http://www.coolmilk.com/</a>

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# **Baking donations**

Every week in Reception class, the children have the opportunity to cook and bake, developing key life skills, applying mathematical understanding and finding out about different cultures and traditions through food. We ask for a £2 donation each half term for ingredients so that we can feed the full class every week. Please send your kind donations in a named envelope. Thank you!

#### **Creative resources**

We would also be grateful for donations of clean yoghurt pots, small cardboard boxes, kitchen roll tubes or plastic lids or containers to replenish our stocks in our creative areas. We will be using these to make models over the next few weeks.

#### **Twitter**

Please follow us on Twitter @JCAWakefield. We regularly update our twitter feed with photos of children throughout the week.

We hope you have a lovely weekend!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Burrows, Mrs Sellars, Miss Bellford and Mrs Rex.

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