



Friday 13^h 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 our reward system to the children. We are extremely proud of all the children for striving to be the best that they can be and for those that have already reached Gold! On Monday, we started our Read Write Inc. Phonics sessions, learning a new sound each day (m,a,s,d,t). We will be sending home a Read Write Inc. pocket diary of sounds in the next couple of weeks so that you can help your child to practise the sounds they have learned in school. Please join us at our Read Write Inc. phonics workshop on Friday 20th September at 9am to support your child in reading and to see first-hand the strategies we use to teach.

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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 <http://www.coolmilk.com/>

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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 Belford and Mrs Rex.

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