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Welcome to Reception – Fox Class!



We have had an exciting start to term, getting to know all of the children. They have had so much to learn already about school life and are ready to find out more. They settling in so well and I'm so proud of them. Reception is a great continuation of nursery and we follow the same early years curriculum. There is a good balance of adult led input and play to help your child develop in all areas.



Reading books

Next week beginning 12th September we will be sending children home with a reading record and a reading book. We will initially be sending only one book a week up until half term. Reading books will be changed every **Monday**. Please do sign your child's reading record so that we know if your child has read during the week. When listening to your child read, asking them questions, encouraging them to make predictions and discussing the book really helps them make progress. Re-reading a book will also help with this. Our aim is to encourage a love of reading and books, and the books are not meant to be challenging and difficult to read. As well as the ability to decode words, other skills such as their fluency, comprehension, and prediction, as well as asking for their opinions are all important when sharing a book.

School Website and Class Pages

Every Friday our Fox Class page (which can be found on the school website) is updated. Here you will be able to look at pictures of your children and the learning provisions planned for them in school. It is a great way to see how your children are learning through play and also a chance for you all to see them in action!

Google Classroom

Next week parents/carers will be sent a link to join Google Classroom. Please keep an eye out for any specific homework sheets or activities that will be uploaded once Google Classroom is up and running. These will be designed to reinforce and/ or support work we are carrying out at school. As we cover each sound in phonics, I will be uploading information for you to keep revisiting and for reference at home. We have found Google Classroom to be a very informative and efficient way of keeping up with any short notices, information linked just to Reception children/parents and any work that is carried out in school.



High Frequency Words

These are the words which are useful for children to be able to read quickly. Some of these are tricky words, they cannot be sounded out, and therefore need to be learnt on sight (rather than through blending). This will also be uploaded to Google Classroom as we progress through the year.



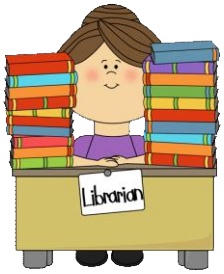
Home time

I am always more than happy to speak with you at home time but please do allow me to dismiss all of the other children first. If you would like to speak to me but are not at pick up, then please use the email the school office. Our personal Fox Class email address will be given in due course once Google Classroom commences.



P.E.

Gymnastics will take place every Wednesday and P.E will be every Friday. Please ensure P.E kits are in school on these days. All PE kit items should be clearly labelled with your child's name. We had a taster session today and all of the children were amazing at changing into their kits. Please do encourage changing at home too in order to develop their confidence when in school.



Library

Where possible, we will have a weekly library session every Thursday. This will be commencing very soon. Please ensure that any library books which need changing are in school on this day. More information will follow on this.



Water bottles

Please ensure your child has an 'easy access' water bottle. Some of the new steel water bottles where the top is entirely removable is tricky for the children to open and can go missing! A plastic bottle with a top where they can pull up and down is great.



A Day in the life of Reception

Below is a typical day for the children. Play based learning permeates throughout, as well as focused group activities and whole class carpet sessions. The learning opportunities are varied and widespread, tailored to all learning styles.

8.45-9am- Soft Start
9am- Register
9:05 – Literacy/Maths
9.30- Indoor/Outdoor Exploring (including focus groups)
10: 30 – Snack
10:45 – Playtime
11.00 – Phonics
11.20 – Indoor/Outdoor Exploring (including focus groups)
12.00- Lunch
13.10 – Registration
13.15 –Topic Lesson
13.35- Indoor/Outdoor Exploring (including focus groups)
14.30- Assembly
15.00 – Home time

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Pandya (Reception Class Teacher)