

Maths

In Maths this year the children will be following the NCETM Mastering Number Programme.

This will enable children to develop a good number sense and begin to develop fluency around calculations.

This half term, Reception will focus on:

- **Setting daily routines**
- **Subitising** within 3
- **Counting** in sequence to 5
- **Composing** numbers up to 5
- **Comparing** sets of objects



Mindfulness

We practice mindfulness everyday in our classroom to support the children in learning strategies to help them regulate their breathing, their feelings and support their wellbeing.

The Zones of Regulation display is used to encourage the children to communicate how they are feeling to their peers and teachers.

Home-School Communication

The **Seesaw** app will be used throughout the day to keep parents and carers up to date with what is happening in our classroom. Your child will receive a QR code to allow you to access our class account, from here you can then set up your own individual log in.

Key Dates:

- Family Friday - 25.09.26 at 9:15am
- Family Friday - 09.10.26 at 9:15am
- Black History Month Performance at Church - 21.10.26 at 9:15am
- End of Half Term - 23.10.26 at 3:30pm



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Reception Class Newsletter – Autumn 1

Dear Parents / Carers,
Welcome to the Autumn term - I hope you have all had a wonderful summer! We are all looking



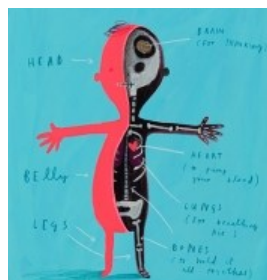
forward to getting to know your children and journeying with them through the exciting year ahead! Each half term you will receive a class newsletter to give you a brief idea of what your child will be learning about in school; if you have any questions at all, please just ask.

Adults working in Reception:

Miss Korbay
Mrs Ryan
Miss Amrit

The topics this half term in Reception are:
'All about me' and **'My school community'**.

We will learn about our family and friends as well as look at all the different jobs people have who help us day to day, particularly in our own school.



We will learn to talk about our bodies and how to keep them safe. This includes how to independently wash our hands, blow our noses, go to the toilet and change our clothes.

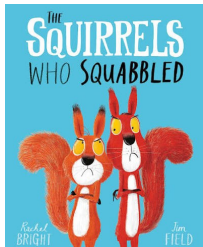
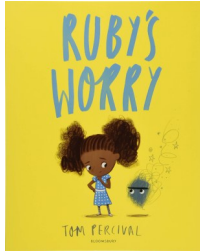
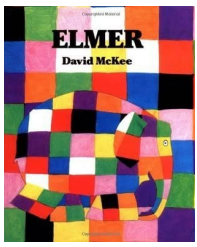
At home please ensure your child knows how to thoroughly wash their hands with soap, confidently blow and wipe their own noses. We use the phrase 'catch it, bin it, kill it' to help children remember.



Literacy

In Literacy this half term we will be focusing on story structure, hearing initial sounds in words and rhyming strings.

Our focused texts are *Elmer*, *Ruby's Worry* and *The Squirrels that Squabbled*



By the end of the term the children will be able to recall these stories using words and actions. As a class we will also create our own stories based on these books.

In writing we will be practising how to recognise and write our own names using correct letter formation.

We will access a wide variety of mark making activities including drawing, painting and writing.

You can help by practising reading and writing their names at home as well as offering your child regular opportunities to mark make.

Home reading

Your child has been sent home with a reading book and reading diary. When you read with your child at home **please write a comment in the diary** to support home school communication regarding your child's progress. You will also be sent a picture book to enjoy together as a family. We do not expect your child to read this, it is to support reading for pleasure, communication and language and understanding story structure.

Reading diaries must be returned every **Tuesday** and **Friday** alongside their reading book so that we can acknowledge and reward children's home reading. With this in mind, it is important for children to bring a bag to school daily, as they are likely to have things that they will need to bring home.



General Reminders

- Please ensure that your child's clothes are **clearly labelled with their name** to avoid school uniform being misplaced.
- It is recommended that your child brings a **water bottle to school everyday** - please also ensure that this is labelled with their name.
- All children also need a set of **spare set of clothes** which can be left on their classroom pegs. This way children can be changed with minimal fuss if an accident does happen.
- Outdoor play is significantly important for children in the early years, so it recommended that they have a **raincoat** and **welly boots** in school to ensure that children can access the playground in all weather. Should you wish to bring these items to school, they can stay in a bag on the children's coat pegs.

Phonics

Over the term we will focus on all of the following sounds:

m, a, s, d, t, i, n,

p, g, o

Top tip: Focus on teaching the letter sound before the letter name.



We will also practise reading the following 'red' tricky words by sight:

I, the, my, she, be, he, me, we

PE

P.E will take place every **Tuesday** and it is expected that children come to school wearing their PE kit. All children are required to wear the correct P.E kit:

- Bottle green t-shirt
- Black jogging bottoms
- Black trainers

All uniform can be purchased online, please see the uniform page on the school's website for more information.

