

## Reception Newsletter      Spring Term 2025

We would like to welcome everyone back for the start of the spring term.

To support the children's learning in Maths and Literacy we will be following the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum. The children will be learning about number, counting, simple adding and subtraction. They will also look at the concepts of time, measure, money and shape. In Literacy the children will continue to learn and consolidate their phonic sounds. They will continue to work with a wide range of texts. To support their phonics and text knowledge it is important that your child spends as much time as possible reading books and accessing as many different kinds of books as possible. Your support at home really makes a difference to your child's continued progress.

For the spring term the children will be following the topic of 'I wonder where people live?' We will be looking at England, Africa and The Arctic as three places from around the world with contrasting climates, environments and cultures. It would be great if the children could find out some facts about each of these places at home. If you have any relatives who live around the world, it would be good for you to talk to your child about where they live, and also where you or they may have been on holiday. If you speak another language at home and would be willing to come and read to the children in your language and tell them about where your family is from, we would be very grateful.

Within the topic of 'I wonder what tastes good?' we will be discovering how plants grow, what they need to grow and how they change. We will be growing our own plants and observing plant life in their natural habitat. At the end of the term we will be finding out about Easter celebrations and new life.

### **Other matters:**

#### **School times:**

**Morning:** Children are invited in at 8.55am. It is important they are here on time as our school day starts at 9am. The door will be closed at 9am for safety reasons. If you arrive after this time, please take your child round to the office.

**Afternoon:** It is important that you are here to pick your child up, promptly at 3.25pm. **We have found it to be less stressful for the children, if Reception children are collected first, before older siblings.** Please ensure that you let a member of staff know if someone different is picking your child up.

#### **Uniform:**

We would also like to remind you that your child should have the appropriate school uniform, which **must** be labelled. **There is currently a high volume of items which are not named.** Children need to bring a coat, hat, gloves etc as they spend a large part of each day outside and need to be dressed appropriately. If you are unsure about any aspects of the uniform, please refer to the school website or enquire at the office. Please remember earrings are not allowed.

Lunch boxes:

Please ensure that all lunch boxes are clearly labelled as we have quite a few of the same kind. Also, please ensure that your child's drink bottle is water-tight, as last term there were a few that leaked.

Finally, please don't forget to keep looking at the school website for weekly updates on things happening in school.

We are happy to speak with you about any issues you may wish to raise. However, it would be helpful if you could see us at the end of the day when we are less busy. We are always happy to make an appointment to see you.

Thank you for your support

*Mrs Mills, Mrs Smith and Mrs Wallace-Hickey*