



Reception Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers, we would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to Reception at Woodside Primary Academy. Should you have any questions, please feel free to speak to your child's class teacher or Early Years Practitioner. We are operating an open door settling in period for this half term. This means parents are welcome to help with the settling in period, if they believe their child will benefit from it.

Topic

Our topic for this half term is 'We are Superheroes'. We will be learning about ourselves and will actively be looking for the things that your child is super at! It is important for us to use this first half term to develop routines and classroom rules, that ensure your child feels safe and secure so we can develop a 'Super Learner' attitude in class.



Literacy

In Literacy we will be reading several stories ~~each day~~ including some titles that your child should already be familiar with. We will also be sharing texts that are related to the Superhero topic such as 'Super Daisy', and 'My Mum is a superhero' but also stories that highlight superheroes in our communities such as the police. Each classroom has a well-resourced book area, and a range of books and writing materials will be available in each area of learning in the classroom. Large scale mark making is ~~promoted in the outdoor area with chalks and paints~~.

Understanding of the World

Understanding the world encompasses History, Science, RE and Geography in the Early Years Curriculum. This half term we will be looking at our families, what makes people special, how to operate basic IT resources in the classroom. As well as talking about how the weather is changing through our investigation area but our garden area too.

Mathematics

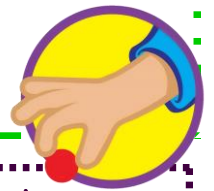
In this first half term, we will be working on our counting skills, matching and sorting shapes and colours. We will also begin to talk about more and less by comparing different quantities together. We will explore patterns in our environment and have a go at

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

Starting a new school can be overwhelming for any child, imagine how you feel on the first day of a new job! We recognise the need to help the children in developing confidence in themselves and their abilities, and to help them make friends. We believe that positive praise for doing the right thing is better than focussing on negative behaviour, although this too is addressed by channelling their focus or taking time out to think about their actions. We will be encouraging children to dress independently, whether this is putting on their coat for outdoor play or an apron for messy or creative play. Please support us at home too by providing them opportunities to dress, brush their teeth and feed themselves.

Physical Development

For now, PE Kits are not required. Children are encouraged to participate in activities to develop their gross motor skills in the outdoor area on the bikes, scooters and climbing frame. In the indoor classroom we will be providing a multitude of resources to help develop their fine motor skills such as tweezers, playdough and creative activities.



Expressive Arts & Design

All children will be encouraged to participate in singing and dancing in class. We will also provide a range of creative activities daily alongside a taught creative activity each week to develop skills in art, construction or media.



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Times for the School Day

Reception children will be going straight into their classrooms. The school begin day begins at 8.30am, so please ensure you are prompt and ready to enter. Your child's teachers will be available to answer any quick questions during this period. Reception children will be going straight into their classrooms, rather than lining up. Pick up and drop off sites will be the same.

School finishes at **3.25pm** and we ask that children are collected promptly. After a day of learning, it is quite upsetting for a child to be collected late. If you are going to be late due to unforeseen circumstances, please contact the school office and they will pass a message on to the class teacher and your child.

Homework

Your child will be coming home with a reading book every week. We ask that you read this to your child every day. Every half term children will be assessed in their Phonics skill and based on the outcome, will be provided with a second book that matches their phonetic ability. We ask that the child reads this book by themselves every day. More information on the home readers can be found on the information sheet in their reading wallet.

Inside their reading folder, you will also find 3 mats. One contains all the phonemes that children will learn and also the first 100 high frequency words that children need to be able to spell and read by the end of Year 1. If you wish, you may practice writing the letters and words.

The children have also been provided with a number formation rhyme sheet that we use to help aid in writing numerals. There is also a number line for counting along and number bonds to 5 and 10 that children will also be learning this year. If you would like to, you may also use the sheets to practice at home with your child.

Keep a look out on Tapestry for weekly tasks related to our 'Book of the Week'.



Clothing

Please ensure all clothing and lunch boxes are clearly labelled with your child's name and class. This will make returning lost items much easier. **Please also provide a spare set of clothes in your child's bag, labelled with their name.**



Key Dates

Family Friday:

14th October 2022

8.30am – 9.15am

Local Hero Visit:

WB 10th October 2022