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Monday 14th September 2026

Dear Families,

Below you will find some key information about your child's new year group. We value the working relationships we have with our families and in order for your child to make the best progress, we must continue to work together. You will also see below the expectations around home learning and reading. Home learning not only supports your child in an academic sense, but also ensures that they learn the importance of deadlines and responsibility - key skills which will prepare them for life.

We will celebrate children who consistently read, in line with our schools expectations (5 pages per day) and record this in their reading records through certificates and other awards.

Thank you for your continued support with your child's home learning, your partnership only helps aid and support the progress your child makes.

Mr J Coombes

Our Reception Team

The members of our reception team are:

Miss Poulter,

Mrs J Stone (Monday - Friday)

Mrs T Stone (all-day Monday, Tuesday am, Thursday am and Friday am)

Ms Sally (Tuesday - Thursday pm's only)

Ms Shoulder (Wednesday am)

Curriculum outline

This year your child's learning will be linked as much as possible through our topics. These include All about me (Autumn 1), Winter Wonderland (Autumn 2), Transport (Spring 1), Animals (Spring 2), Ready, Steady, Grow! (Summer 1) and All Around the World (Summer 2). In our 'All about me' this half term the children will be learning about their peers, building relationships, emotions and comparing their home to others around the world. During our 'Winter Wonderland' topic the children will learn about the seasons and different types of weather, along with learning about different material of clothing. In our 'Transport' topic we will learn about different forms of transports and machines which make jobs easier. During our 'Animal' topic the children will learn about different types of animals, where they live, how they grow and what they eat. During our 'Ready, Steady, Grow!' the children will learn about the life cycle of plants, plant their own seeds in our growing area and learn to take care of plants. Our final topic will be 'All Around the World'. The children will be learning about the world they live in, discussing different countries they have visited and comparing different regions. We always welcome children to bring in and share things from home which will enhance our topics.

Reading and Phonics

Developing reading skills in our young readers is at the centre of our Reception curriculum. This will support them in applying their phonics to write words and sentences. After we have learnt the first 6 sounds in phonics, your child will be sent home with their first reading book with words. Your child should read regularly, daily if possible, at home. It would be really helpful if you could write a comment in your child's reading record books when you listen to your child read. We will also visit our school library once a week to enhance reading for pleasure.

To help you understand our phonic scheme, sounds and actions, please find below the Twinkl phonics Level 2 sounds and action.

Twinkl phonic level 2: https://youtu.be/0SzkjubQ-Ok?si=OEOI2yHlfo6JRAM5

Homework - Weekly

Homework will be set on **Tuesdays** and due the following **Monday**. Each week, children will receive different activities that you can complete together at home to support what they are learning in school. For every piece of homework submitted the children will receive a dojo point to celebrate the children's hard work.

Homework - Project (Optional)

As an additional optional creative project, the children are invited to create an **"All About Me" box**.

The box should be no larger than a standard **shoebox**. Children are welcome to decorate it in any way they like and place inside a selection of items or pictures that are important to them. These might include:

- Photos of family members or pets
- Pictures of special places (e.g., holidays or visits)
- A photo of their bed or bedroom
- A favourite toy/book
- A baby photo, to support discussions about how they've grown and changed

The completed boxes should be brought into school by **Monday 12th October 2026**. Over the following two weeks, each child will have the opportunity to share their box with the class during carpet time. Once your child has shared their box, it will be sent home again.

Below are some examples of how they can look






We're really looking forward to learning more about each other through this lovely project!

PE

Our PE day will be on a Wednesday each week. Earrings and all jewellery must be removed for PE lessons and a full school PE kit should be worn - shorts, t-shirt, trainers and jogging bottoms for the colder months. Class R pupils will arrive at school every Wednesday in their P.E. clothes, but should continue to dress and undress themselves at home independently.

Absences

Please ring school by 8:30am to let us know why your child will be absent. It is expected that annual family holidays should be taken during the school holidays. Should you need to request absence from school, please complete a holiday absence request form from the office. Children are to have 95% attendance as a minimum.

Trips

Reception will have one school trip in the spring term. Information regarding this will follow in due course.

I am very excited for the year ahead and I look forward to getting to know the children.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Poulter