

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Reception!

We are delighted with how well all of the children are settling into their new school. They have started to make new friends and are having so much fun!

This term we are focusing on 'All about me'. You will find an outline below of the curriculum for the seven Foundation Stage areas and important vocabulary we will be using this term. Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to ask any of the reception staff.

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind you of a few things:

School Hours

Please do help your child to have excellent attendance and to arrive at school on time, having had breakfast and to be ready to learn.

Morning Arrival – The doors will be opened at 8:30am and will be closed at 8:45am for registration. If you arrive after this time, please go to the main school office.

Home Time – Please queue outside your child's classroom door and wait for your child to be dismissed. Reception class finishes at 2:45pm.

Medical Appointments

If your child has a medical appointment, please bring in the letter for our school office to copy.

Uniform

It is essential that ALL uniform and personal belongings are **clearly named** to prevent anything being lost, we cannot take responsibility for any lost items if they do not have a name in them – **PLEASE NAME**

EVERYTHING! Please make sure your child has a Plat Douet bookbag, these can be bought at Redvers.

Jewellery

Children are allowed to have stud earrings if their ears are pierced however no necklaces, bracelets or any other items of jewellery are allowed in school. If your children can tell the time they can wear a watch however please be mindful that it could get lost or broken.




PE: This term there will be no set PE lessons, however we will supporting the children's physical development every day in the learning environment.

Reading at Home

We will be sending home books later in the term following our Phonics information session. Bookbags will still be needed in school straight away, to take home any letters and pictures etc at the end of the day.

Water

Children can access water throughout the day. For this to happen, we would ask that you provide your child with a **named** bottle every day. Bottles will be sent home at the end of the day for cleaning. Only water to be put in the bottle please, no other drinks.

<p>Physical Development</p>	<p>This term we are helping your child to develop the skills they need to manage the school day successfully like lining up and queuing, mealtimes and personal hygiene You can help at home by encouraging patience, turn-taking and self-control.</p> 
<p>Literacy</p>	<p>Literacy, Reading: This term we are teaching your child to read individual letters by saying the sounds for them. We are using the Little Wandle Phonics scheme.</p> <p>Literacy, Writing: This term we are supporting your child to be able to write letter like shapes and give meaning to their own marks.</p> 
<p>Mathematics</p>	<p>This term we are encouraging your child to use shapes and to count objects. You can help at home by singing counting songs and number rhymes, playing games and reading stories that involve counting, numbers and shapes.</p>
<p>Expressive Arts and Design</p>	<p>This term we are encouraging your child to use a range of materials and tools to create and construct with. You can help at home by talking about colours, shapes, texture and smells and encouraging your child to define these in their own words.</p>
<p>Understanding and Knowledge of the World</p>	<p>This term we are helping your child to talk about members of their immediate family and community. <u>You can help by providing us with a family photo to display in the classroom for your child to talk about.</u></p> 

Below you will find the key vocabulary we will be using in our teaching this term. Please help us by spending time discussing these words with your child.

<p>Understanding the World</p>	<p>Ourselves- family/ home/ school/ facial features (e.g. eyes/ nose)/ rules Celebrations- birthday/ Christmas/ Bonfire/ Firework/ Nativity</p>
<p>Maths</p>	<p>Count 1-20 / more than/ less than Triangle/ circle/ square/ rectangle</p>
<p>Literacy</p>	<p>Letter/ Letter Sound/ Word/ Sentence/ Blend/ Segment / phoneme grapheme / diagraph</p>