

Reception - Term 1



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to Fox and Badger classes! Your children have now experienced their first week at 'big school' and are quickly settling into their new routines. There is a lot to take on board and for some it can be a bit overwhelming at the start. May we assure you that most of the children have adapted extremely well to their new surroundings and new adults, however if your child is finding the adjustment difficult we can work out individual plans to help make the separation in the morning easier for them. We do recommend you make a clean break by assuring your child you will return at the end of the school day then handing your child over to one of the staff and leaving swiftly. We promise it will become easier.

Curriculum Overview for term 1

This term our focus is on getting to know your child – what their interests are and how we can develop their learning using this knowledge. We will be thinking about people who are important to us and how they help us. This will involve meeting real- life superheroes like police officers and ambulance staff as well as delving into the world of superheroes and how they help others. Naturally we will then think about how we can help each other to make school and home-life a better experience for all.

To end our topic we will celebrate our learning with a dressing up day when your child can wear a hero/heroine or superhero costume to school. This will be on Friday 18th October.

Expectations

You can help your child by talking to them about what they are doing in school and who with. To support this we will send home a learning journey folder each Friday containing a learning challenge – sometimes this will be to make something, and other times it may be to practise a skill we have been focusing on. The challenges are mostly to be completed **with** your child and should be fun and enjoyable. If you have any problems with completing the challenges please talk to us. The challenges will be filed in children's learning journey folders along with their achievements in school. You will be invited in to see these folders over the course of the year. If you notice your child doing something new and you would like to include a photograph or a piece of writing, drawing, painting etc. then we will be very pleased to receive these from you.

We also ask that you read with your child on a daily basis, recording at least the date and title of the book read and if possible a comment on how your child got on with the book. At this stage of the year you will mainly be reading to them. It is important to discuss the pictures and why the characters do the things they do. We will be running sessions to support you with reading with your child, later in the term.

P.E.

P.E. this term will be every Friday afternoon so please ensure that your child has their full P.E. kit at school on this day. We will send home the kits at the end of each term for washing – there is no need to take them home each week. All clothing, including shoes and P.E. kit should be named. Earrings cannot be worn for PE so please remember to remove your child's earrings on a Friday.

Lost property

You will already have noticed that children easily misplace their cardigans and jumpers – we encourage them to put them into their trays for ease of access and it will help greatly if they are named. It does become easier once children can recognise their own names. Lost property is sorted every day and any named items returned to classes. Any items we find during the day or after school will be placed in your child's tray.

If by chance your child brings home an item that does not belong to them please can you return it immediately so it can be reunited, with its rightful owner.

Lunchtimes

Reception staff support your child to select their meal and open packaging in their packed lunches. All children are encouraged to eat their meals. Staff will encourage children to try a little of something they think they will not like. If for any reason your child does not eat the majority of their lunch you will be informed. If you do not hear anything you can assume they have eaten well.

We have enjoyed meeting your children and getting to know them this week and look forward to working together in the coming year. If you have any questions we ask that you speak to us either first thing in the morning in class, or, if you need privacy, at the end of the day once the other families have left.

Thank you in advance for your support and co-operation in these matters,

Miss Lindal (Fox class) and Mrs Üzer (Badger class)