

Park Street Church of England School

Reception Autumn Newsletter 2018

Welcome to Reception! All the children have had a brilliant first few days and have had lots of fun exploring their new environment and resources. We hope you and your child will enjoy all the activities and experiences that we will be planning this term (please see over).

Book Bags

Park Street book bags can now be purchased from the school office for £3.75. It is great to see that so many of you have bought them already! Please can we ask for book bags to be brought in everyday as we will pass letters, information, sharing books through the book bag. Please empty these bags daily and refrain from putting water bottles inside them. Thank you.

Rainbow Bricks

In Reception, we give out 'Rainbow Brick' slips when we notice that a child has demonstrated an act of kindness. When your child is going to receive a 'Rainbow brick' you will be notified and given the opportunity to come to one of our Celebration Assemblies in school to see them presented with it.



Reading Record books

Your child will bring home a library book to share with you twice a week. Please sign the 'Reading Record' and feel free to write a comment on their response to the book. There has been a delay with the delivery of these books, your child will receive as soon as they have been delivered to school.

'Phonics Home Learning' books.

This half term your child will bring home a small book containing letters and sounds they have learned in school that week. Please encourage your child to practise reading, saying and writing these sounds correctly. I am sure they will be very eager to share this with you!

Independence

This term is all about helping the children to settle into school and to become more independent. Please help us by encouraging your child to dress and undress more independently. It is also helpful if the children are able to put their own coats and shoes on by themselves. Please encourage your child to put their coat and book bag on their peg. They are jobs they 'can' do already. Spending time showing the children how to turn clothes around the right way helps them get changed after PE too.

PPA Time

Mrs Duxbury has PPA (planning, preparation and assessment) time every Thursday afternoon. Mrs Edwards (our Nursery teacher) will teach the Reception class at this time, supported by Mrs Fowler.

'WOW' moments

Starting school is an exciting time and over the next year your child will do things they have never done before and gain lots of new skills at home and school. Please let us know what happens at home so that we can celebrate in school. We love hearing about challenges and achievements and look forward to celebrating many of these with your child this year. Don't forget to complete a WOW moment slip so that we can add any achievements to your child's 'Learning Journal'. You can find them just inside the Reception corridor.

Clothing

Please make sure your child has robust pair of Velcro fastening trainers in school every day. The children are given the opportunity to go outside every day and only black school shoes are worn inside. Please make sure **all** items of clothing are **clearly** labelled with your child's name including trainers and shoes.

And finally...

Please feel free to chat briefly with Mrs Duxbury or Mrs Fowler before school. We are happy to answer any questions that you may have. If more time is needed please arrange an appointment with me after school. Thank you.

Our themes this term are
‘Marvellous Me!’ and **‘Let’s Celebrate!’**.

	Autumn 1 ‘Marvellous Me!’	Autumn 2 ‘Let’s Celebrate!’
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Developing relationships. Classroom rules and routines	The importance of sharing celebrations with people who are important to us.
Physical Development	<i>PE sessions are planned in to the weekly timetable. Activities are planned daily to promote fine and gross motor development.</i>	
Communication and Language	<i>The children are given opportunities throughout the day to speak and to listen: e.g. During whole class carpet times, adult led activities, circle time and story time. In addition to this, the children are encouraged to talk to each other and to adults during their ‘Learning through Play’ time.</i>	
Literacy	<i>The children have daily phonic sessions and are provided with opportunities to practise their reading and pencil skills in their ‘Learning through Play’ activities both indoors and outdoors.</i>	
Literacy	Learning to blend and segment words for reading and writing. Learning to write using cursive script.	Invitations and cards. Writing descriptive labels and short sentences. Sequencing stories.
Mathematics	Counting and numbers. Ordering events and items. Following and extending Patterns.	Counting and numbers. Addition and subtraction. Shape and measures. Calendar and time.
Understanding the World	Differences and similarities between ourselves and others. Seasons and Autumnal Changes. Harvest. Using digital cameras, iPads, Beebots.	Celebrating Bonfire night, Diwali and Christmas Using digital cameras, iPads, Beebots.
Expressive Art and Design	<i>Opportunities are provided throughout the week to sing songs and rhymes, for dance and to explore different musical instruments. During ‘Learning through Play’ sessions, the children will also be given time to act out stories in the different role play and small world areas.</i>	
Expressive Art and Design	Self-portraits. Printing with hands and feet. Autumn paintings. Clay hedgehog.	Making rockets Firework pictures Christmas cards Nativity puppets.
Religious Education	Creation: Why is the word God so important to Christians? Awe and wonder of the natural world.	Why do Christians perform nativity plays at Christmas?
Enrichment	International Languages Day	Anti-bullying Week