

Welcome to Reception

Welcome to Reception class! I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer break. In this letter I will outline some information that may be useful to you. Feel free to catch me after school if you have any further questions. I look forward to a fantastic year together. Keep an eye on tapestry for photos of your children settling into school.
Many thanks, Miss Binding

What to bring to school each day

Children need to bring their book bag to school each day (containing their reading record and books) in addition to their named water bottle. Please ensure your child has a sunhat and raincoat on sunny/rainy days as we go out to play whatever the weather. You will need to apply sun cream to your child before they arrive at school. Please label all of your child's belongings as items do sometimes go missing. Please bring a small bag of spare clothes including pants and socks in case your child has a toileting accident during the day. These will be kept on your child's peg.

PE kit

Your child will need to come to school dressed in their PE kit on **Wednesdays** and **Fridays**. They will need to wear their house coloured t-shirt, a pair of black shorts (or black jogging bottoms), some socks and running shoes (trainers or daps). They will need to wear their school sweatshirt over the top.

Arriving at school

We encourage children to come into the classroom independently each morning. As soon as they arrive they can enjoy the provision both inside and outside the classroom. The school day for Reception starts at 8.50am. Children can arrive between 8.45 and 8.50 and I will greet you at the door.

Collecting your child

At the end of the school day the children will line up inside the classroom. I will dismiss the children when I can see their parent/carer so please stand in view of the Early Years entrance. The school day ends at 3.20pm. Please try to be prompt, if you are running late please contact the school office.

Book bags

Each child has their own special tray in the classroom where they will keep their book bag. Please check your child's book bag frequently for letters, books and other lovely creations they may bring home. Please avoid attaching lots of keyrings to the book bags as the trays are only small.

Reading books

I will send home a separate letter explaining how our school reading scheme works. In the meantime, any picture books your child may bring home from school are for you to share and enjoy with your child. Please return books when you are ready for a swap. I will be encouraging the children to take ownership so they can self-select stories from our class library to enjoy at home. Sharing stories is invaluable at this stage in your child's development.

Curriculum map

At the beginning of each term I will send home a curriculum map which outlines some of the learning we will be exploring during the term. These are things you can support your child with at home too.

School website

We have a class page on the school website which you will have access to (the password was included in your welcome pack). Here I upload copies of all the letters which I send home including our curriculum maps. There will also be photographs on the website of the children's learning and other useful information.

Year 6 partners

It is a Northleaze tradition for Reception children to be partnered up with a year six child. This has been a huge success in the past and I am keen for this to continue this year. The year six children seem to really enjoy this nurturing role and they help to settle the children into our school community. We tend to get together weekly for fun activities and they can play together at lunchtime. I will send home more info shortly!

Tapestry

In Reception we continue to follow the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework which your child will have followed in their previous setting. Some of the children's learning will be recorded through photographs and observations into their online learning diaries. These will be posted onto your child's tapestry account which you can view. Feel free to upload photos of home learning, wow moments and milestones for us to celebrate in school. Please let me know if you are unable to access Tapestry and please return the slip with your chosen email address if you haven't yet done so.

Scrap books

Thank you so much for helping your child to create their scrap book over the summer holiday. Please bring these into school by next week, we are looking forward to sharing them with our new friends. We will keep these in our book corner to enjoy throughout the year.

Junk Modelling & Playdough

We love using recycled materials to create models and artwork. If you have any clean toilet/kitchen rolls, yoghurt pots and egg boxes, we would love to utilise them in class. We'd also be very grateful for any donations of play dough ingredients including salt, flour and oil. Thank you in advance!

Safeguarding

If someone else is collecting your child at the end of the school day please make sure you have given that information to myself and the school office.

School office: 01275540077

Contacting us

If you need to contact me, you can email the Reception account or speak to me at the end of the school day.

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