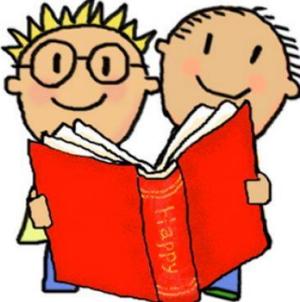


## Reception ~ Derbyn

Teachers - Miss Harries, Mrs Waddington (Wednesdays) and Miss Gilmore.  
Learning Support Assistants - Mrs Bridge, Mrs Thomas, Mrs Romans and Mrs Smith.  
PPA Teachers - Mrs Chinneck and Mrs Barlow.

<p><b>Welcome</b></p> 	<p>Welcome to Reception. We hope that the children have enjoyed the beginning of Reception and have adjusted well to being in school all day. We hope that the transition from Nursery has been as smooth as possible for you and your child.</p> <p>During the mornings, it is very busy in the Reception cloakrooms with the children hanging up their coats, putting their lunch bags on the trolleys and putting their snacks into the snack bowls. To help encourage independence please can you say goodbye to your child outside of the Reception building. This will reduce congestion and confusion in the cloakrooms and help to bring the children quickly onto the carpet to begin our morning routines.</p>
<p><b>Language, Literacy and Communication Skills</b></p> 	<p>The children have started their daily Read, Write, Inc lessons and these will continue throughout the term. This is when we introduce initial sounds to the children. Each day a new sound is introduced and the children will bring home a copy of the sounds for the week so that you can help at home.</p> <p>We are encouraging pupils to become confident with speaking and listening and will be retelling stories and information that they have heard.</p> <p>Pupils will participate in role-play and drama activities related to their topic.</p> <p>We aim to improve pencil control during the Autumn term through a variety of mark-making and writing activities. Pupils will write simple sentences and will be encouraged to use their initial sounds to help to 'sound out' words. We will make sure that the children are using correct formation when writing their names.</p>
<p><b>Mathematical Development</b></p> 	<p>We will focus on a variety of mathematical skills during the Autumn term including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Counting and ordering numbers.</li><li>Counting objects correctly.</li><li>Reading and writing numbers using the correct formation.</li><li>Saying 'one more' and 'one less' than a number.</li><li>Using simple coins to pay for things.</li><li>Learning the days of the week and basic understanding of time.</li><li>Non-standard measures of length.</li><li>Simple addition and subtraction.</li><li>Recognising and creating repeating patterns.</li><li>Naming 2d shapes.</li><li>Sorting objects by set criteria.</li></ul>

## It's Great To Be Me



This topic is all about ourselves and what makes us special. Within this topic pupils will talk/learn about:

- The things that we all like doing.
- The people in our families.
- The similarities between ourselves and others.
- Our bodies.
- Emotions and the things that make us happy/sad/excited/angry.
- The world that we live in and how to look after our world.

We will use a range of stories to support our learning including *Funnybones*, *Sharing a Shell* and *Elmer*.

We will also celebrate Harvest and Diwali during the first half of the Autumn term.

## Bang, Whizz, Sizzle!



Our second topic is *Bang, Whizz, Sizzle!* This topic has a Science focus and will look at things that Bang, Whizz and Sizzle.

Within this topic pupils will learn about:

Things that react when mixed together.

Fireworks and bonfire night.

Musical instruments that make different noises.

What happens to foods when they are heated and cooled.

We will read a variety of stories including *The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark*, *Hovis the Hedgehog*, *Oliver and the Potion Commotion* and *The Gingerbread Man*.

We will also celebrate Christmas during the second half of the Autumn term.

## Reading, Homework and General Information

**Reading** - The children will bring home a reading book every week. At the beginning of the year, this will be a book for you to read to your child. As the year progresses and your child learns more sounds, they will bring home a book for them to read to you. These will need to be returned on the day stated on the front of your child's reading record.

**Homework** - Your child will also bring home a piece of homework each week. This could be some sounds to learn or a literacy, numeracy or topic-based activity. Your child's homework book will need to be returned to school on the day stated on the front of the book.

**P.E.** - PE lessons will take place weekly. Each child will need to have a P.E. kit available for these lessons. As our timetable can change if activities have been planned for the school hall, it is useful if your child leaves their P.E. kit in school, if possible. A P.E. kit for Reception pupils consists of navy shorts and a white t-shirt. It would be great if your child is able to get undressed and dressed independently.

**Snack** - Our school policy is that pupils have a healthy snack, if wanted, during morning play. Fruit is preferable. Snack can either be

brought into school every day from home or can be purchased from the school. If bringing fruit from home this will need to be placed in the fruit basket for each class. Please tell/show your child the fruit that they have for the day so that they know which snack is theirs when they are given out. If purchasing snack from school the cost is 30p per day and can be given to the teacher at the beginning of the week or daily.

**Ways to Help at Home**



- Talk to your child about our topics and what they have been learning in school.
- Spend time looking at the sounds that we have learned during the week and use the rhymes to encourage correct formation.
- Encourage your child to be as independent as possible with self-care routines including tooth brushing, dressing and toileting.
- Read with your child every day and discuss the story that you have read.
- Encourage your child to count objects around the house touching each object as they do so.
- Complete any homework tasks set for your child.