

Welcome to Reception! We have two classes: The Bees and The Butterflies. Reception and Nursery have a shared outside area and lunch room. The Early Years team are excited to welcome the children back to school. We will be settling into Reception expectations this half-term. The Reception day will start with a chance to practise writing names and a 'busy time', where children are able to choose activities to do.

PSED

Jigsaw is part of our PSED curriculum. This halfterm, the theme is *Being Me*. We will explore toys we like to play with, different feelings, how to take care of our classroom and our friends and talk about our families. We will agree

some class rules and settle into being Reception children in our new Foundation Stage Unit. We will continue to use Zones to help us understand our emotions.



LITERACY

In Phonics, we will be learning our Set 1 sounds and learning how to write them. We will get our first reading books and learn how to track words on a page. We will explore the books, **Rosie's Hat** and **Once There Were Giants**. We will work together to re-write, *Rosie's Hat*. We will practise our mark-making skills and try to label with some sounds. We will also strengthen our muscles to help us be better writers!

KEY QUESTIONS

• Who is in my family?/Are all families the same?



- What do I like? What do my friends like?
- How can I be helpful?
- What do babies need? How have I changed since I was a baby?
- Who wears this hat and why?

TOPIC

In our UW learning we will think about ourselves and our families. We will find out that our families can be both similar and different to each other. We will think about what we like and what our friends like. We will find out how we have changed since we were babies and we hope to

meet a real baby. We hope to get a visit from the fire service. We will have a hat parade! In RE, we will learn about the Christian creation story and infant baptism.



MATHS

In maths, we will explore simple repeating patterns and try to create some of



our own. We will look at the numbers, 0-4, in depth. We will explore lots of different ways we can make those numbers and split them into parts. We will practise our counting skills to ten and beyond. We will also explore some 2D shapes and learn some properties of circles, triangles, oblongs and squares.

DIARY DATES & OTHER INFORMATION

- Visit to Sunninghill Park, details to follow.
- Please make sure clothing/belongings are clearly labelled.
- PE day TBC your child will need to come in their PE kit on this day once confirmed.
- Do you have a baby? Would you like to visit us to tell us about your baby?
- Please send your child's book-bag every day.