



Reception News

Autumn 1, September 2024



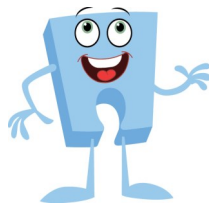
ALL ABOUT ME!



Welcome to Reception! The Early Years team are excited to welcome the children back to school. We are the Bee class. Reception and Nursery have their own base rooms but share the indoor and outdoor space during 'Busy Time'. 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. On Wednesday afternoon (PPA), the class will be covered by Miss Davie.

PSED

Jigsaw is part of our PSED curriculum. This half-term, 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 Foundation Stage Unit. We will continue to use Zones to help us understand our emotions.



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 families and some stories about Jesus from the Christian Bible.



LITERACY

In Phonics, we will be learning our Set 1 sounds and learning how to write them. We will get stories to bring home and share together whilst we are still learning our sounds at school. 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!

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.



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?



What can you do to support your child's learning at home?

- Have family time and talk about your experiences. Children learn so much through talk and it helps them to make sense of their experiences.
- Enjoy story books together. Read regularly to your child and talk about what happened in the story. These are vital pre-reading experiences.
- Once your child does start to bring home books they can read themselves, make sure they read them regularly at home.
- Spot numbers and letters in the environment and point them out. Notice the numerals that make your house number, the number on the bus, look for letters from their name in the road name signs etc
- Count things, such as: counting the stairs on the way to up bed, counting out the cups onto the table etc.
- Climb, run, jump and balance at the park and in other fun ways. This will strengthen core body muscles.
- Play with playdough, use water to paint the fence or wall, use a spray bottle to squirt water on plants. Activities like this strengthen hand wrist muscles ready for mark-making.

Which staff are in the Early Years Unit?

- **Mrs Norris, Reception (Bees) class teacher**
- **Mrs Watson, Reception support staff**
- Miss Cokkinos (Miss C), Nursery (Owlets) class teacher
- Mrs Wilson, Nursery support staff
- Mrs Dale, support staff
- Ms Archer, support staff



REMINDERS

PE will be on Wednesday.

Please remember to send your child to school in their PE kit, including suitable footwear such as trainers in case we are outside.

(Plain T-shirt, plain joggers and school cardigan/jumper).

Reading

Please continue to share stories together at home as this is so important and helps children develop pre-reading skills and a love of books. Please bring bookbags to school every day.

Other key information and key dates for your diary:

- Stay and Read - every Friday morning you are invited to stay and share a book with your child until 9:10am.
- **Thursday 19th Sept** - Photograph day
- **Friday 4th October** - Harvest Festival
- **Friday 18th October** - Diversity Day
- **Week beginning 14th October** - Reception visit to Sunninghill Park TBC. We will be looking for parents/carers to walk with us. More details to follow.

Contacting the Reception team

We are at the classroom door at drop off and pick up times and are always happy to say hello or have a quick chat.

Call the office to pass on a message or ask for a call back. 0115 9152953

Email: reception@dovecote.nottingham.sch.uk

Don't forget to download the MavellousMe app and keep an eye on the website and Facebook page, for up-to-date information and key messages.

