



# Welcome to Reception Class!



We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to Purford Green and look forward to working in partnership with you throughout the coming year.



## Our topic for the Autumn term is 'Special People and Celebrations'.

In EYFS, we follow the children's interests so although our broad topic for Autumn term is Special People and Celebrations, this will look very different for each unique child. We will talk about people who are special to us (such as family members), we will celebrate similarities and differences between ourselves, we will celebrate achievements in class (e.g. making new friends, learning something new) as well as achievements from home. Later on in the term, we will have opportunities to learn about some festivals and the different ways some people celebrate them.



### Literacy

After the settling in period, we will begin phonics teaching. This link provides lots of information for parents about our phonics programme:

[For parents | Letters and Sounds \(littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk\)](http://littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk)



There will also be an opportunity for you to come in and observe a phonics lesson later in the term. By half term, your child will also be bringing home some tricky words that we would like you to practise with them at home. We will check your child's progress with their tricky words in school and add new words to the wallet as we meet them in our phonics programme.

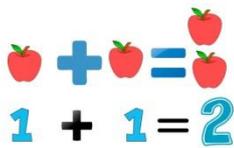
Your child will also be bringing home reading books to share with you. Class staff will hear your child read twice a week and will change their book weekly. In class, your child will also be practising writing their name and learning to spell some of their tricky words and some decodable words.

**Please bring bookbags (with reading diary and tricky word wallet) to school every day.**

Whole class reading and sharing books happens daily in reception. We read a variety of books – some to support learning in different areas of the curriculum and some books just for pleasure and enjoyment.

Over the year, we will be learning lots of original poems. In the Autumn term, we will be also singing lots of nursery rhymes.

### Maths



We will have daily maths sessions in class and will of course be exploring all the maths opportunities in the children's play too.

This term in our work on number we will be heavily focusing on subitising. Strong subitising skills are vital for progress in maths. We will be looking at perceptual subitising (knowing how many there is of an object without having to count) and conceptual subitising (identifying a whole quantity as a result of composing smaller quantities). This will lead on to children solving simple calculations in their head. We will also be looking at mathematical language such as more/less/fewer/equal to/is the same as. In our work in shape and measures, we will be focusing on; identifying flat and curved sides in 2d and 3d shapes, using the terms long/short big/small and sequencing to these criteria, using everyday words related to time and reciting the days of the week.

### PE

We will be teaching PE every Monday and some Fridays. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school and it is all **fully labelled**. It is important that the children are able to change their clothes **independently**. Please practise changing with your child (especially putting on socks and tights!). If your child wears earrings, you must ensure these are not worn on Mondays or Fridays or your child will be unable to take part in our PE lesson. Staff cannot remove earrings for children.



### Homework

- Each child is expected to read at home regularly and parents must write in the reading diary.
- Children are expected to practise their tricky words regularly and parents must write in the reading diary.
- All children will have access to Numbots. Your child's login details will be stuck inside the front cover of their reading diary.



### Clothing

Children in EYFS have access to the outside area every day, in all weathers. Please ensure that they come to school with coats, hats, scarves, gloves, etc. as the weather gets colder. Children should also have wellies that stay in school. **Please ensure all clothing is named – including shoes!** As children in EYFS have access to physical equipment daily, please ensure children's long hair is tied back every day. This is for their safety.

**Please contact us on Class Dojo or speak to us at the end of the day (after all children have been seen out) if you have any questions!**

We look forward to a very successful year with your wonderful children.

Miss Machin and the Reception Class team

