



Blackthorn Primary School

Reception Class Autumn 1 Newsletter



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Welcome to Apple Class! We are looking forward to welcoming children to our Reception Class.

This Curriculum newsletter aims to give you an insight into what we will be learning this term.

Please talk to your child about what he/she is learning at school.

Our Topic

For the first few weeks of the term we will be concentrating on settling the children into their new environment, establishing rules and routines and meeting their new class and staff members.

PE

Each **Tuesday** we have a PE session led by Mr Stevens and Mrs Surynt. Please send your child wearing a full PE kit on that day. Children do not need to wear the school uniform on that that day.

Please remember to write your child's name on each piece of clothing!!!



Tapestry

At school we observe, plan and assess using Tapestry to meet your child's individual needs. We encourage parents to take an active part in their child's learning and share with us all the fantastic things your child can do. Parents can do this by uploading observations of their child at home using individual accounts. If you need any support please speak to a member of EYFS team.

Water Bottles and Snack

As a school, we provide a free fruit snack daily so there is no need for snacks to be brought in. Please provide your child with a named re-usable water bottle that they can access throughout the day.

Morning Routine

Getting the morning routine right early on is crucial in helping each child to settle into Reception successfully. Please make sure you are arriving at school on time and try to leave your child at school promptly. At this point, the children will be supported by the staff to organise themselves, this will include taking of their own coat, putting their belongings away and washing their hands. It is essential we build these lifelong skills early on and encourage children to be independent.

Please don't worry if your child is upset when saying goodbye initially, they soon get used to this and the staff will ensure every child is settled and happy each day.

Autumn Term 1

The Early Years curriculum is split into 7 areas of learning. Here's what we will be focusing on this term:

Prime Areas:

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Build confidence settling into a new class and environment, play alongside others, building up new friendships, share their experiences and skills with others, adapt behaviour, become familiar with routines and class rules

Communication and Language

Speaking and listening to each other, sharing ideas, responding to instructions, answering questions, learning new songs and using language in imaginative play

Physical Development

Show preference for a dominant hand, move with confidence in a range of ways and explore the outdoor area and all the equipment

Specific Areas:

Literacy

Sharing stories, book handling skills, using pictures to tell stories, learning letter formation rhymes, developing speaking and listening skills, hearing initial sounds in words, beginning to make marks and form letters .

Mathematics:

Counting and recognising numbers to 10, forming numbers to 10, exploring repeating patterns, positional language, sequencing and ordering numbers and basic addition.

Understanding of the World:

Creating self-portraits, exploring changes through the seasons, learning about different cultures and religions

Expressive Art and Design:

Using a range of manipulatives to create a planned effect, using imagination in play, singing songs and dancing, selecting colours for a purpose, mixing paints, making representations of people, animals and objects