

Welcome to Reception



Dear Parents and Carers,

I am so excited to begin the school journey with you and your child and cannot wait to get to know you all. We have some fantastic activities and opportunities planned throughout the year and will be here along the way to ensure that you and your child have the best possible start to school.

Meet the Reception Team



Miss Nicholas
Class Teacher



Miss Payne
Teaching Assistant



Mrs Caldicutt
Teaching Assistant

Keeping up to date in Reception

We will update our class blog on the school website each week for you so that you can keep in touch with all the exciting things your child has been doing. Please check this regularly to see what is happening in Reception. Our blog will include:

- General Reception information
- Information about dates and events
- Additional story and activity links
- Photographs from our week of learning

Here is the link to access our class page:

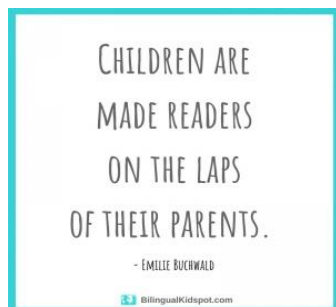
<https://www.kingstone-thruxton.hereford.sch.uk/classes/reception>

Lunches

Please remember to choose and order your child's lunches on ParentPay each week. It is important that all children's lunches are ordered, even though they are free for infants. This needs to be done by a Thursday each week, ready for the following week. This ensures that children can have the lunch that they would like. If you would like any help with this, please do not hesitate to ask at the office.

Morning Snacks

Children will be provided a healthy snack in school as part of the government fruit and vegetable scheme. We ask that your child brings a fresh bottle of water to school each day - we will encourage and monitor regular drinking throughout the day. Please ensure that the bottle is clearly labelled to avoid any mix ups.



Reading Books and Online Reading Journal

In this first half term, your child will be provided with a reading folder. To begin with, these will include story books for you to read to your children to promote a love of reading. This will soon be followed by wordless books where children can use their imaginations to make up their own stories. You will also receive sound cards of the sounds your child has been learning in phonics. Please send your child's reading folder to school every day - books are changed as often as they are needed, and sounds / words will be updated

regularly.

Reading is so important for your child's development and is one of the most important skills your child will learn during their time in primary school. We ask that you spend some time each day sharing a book with your child/hearing them read. We ask that you log this reading engagement on an app called Boom Reader. Your child will have their own account for this and I will soon send home your child's details for logging in. We closely monitor and celebrate reading engagement in school, in all year groups.

Toys

We ask that no toys are sent to school. Toys are easily lost or broken in school and therefore all children are asked to leave their toys at home.

Labels

We do our very best to teach the children to look after their belongings, but please help us by making sure that you label all of your child's shoes, wellies, clothing etc with their name. Should you realise that anything is missing, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can locate it and return it to you.

Wellies

In Reception, we make the most of the outdoor space and enjoy our outdoor learning day each week. If you are able to, please send in a spare pair of named wellies for your child to keep in school.

PE

We will begin formal PE sessions next half term. Our PE sessions will be every week (day TBC). Children will need to come to school in their PE kit and stay in their kit for the day. More information on this will be included in the Autumn 2 Reception newsletter.



Outdoor Learning Day

Our outdoor learning day will take place every Thursday, with our forest school leader, Mrs Morgan. Children will spend the whole day on a Thursday outdoors in our forest school exploring nature, experiencing different weathers and learning new skills. Children will need to come into school in their forest school kit and stay in this for the day.

Both PE and Forest School uniform consists of:

- Plain navy hoodie or school branded hoodie / school jumper/cardigan.
- Plain navy or white t-shirt (we do get a little muddy in forest school, do navy is best for this).
- Plain navy or black bottoms (shorts when warm and joggers when cold for PE). Leggings or joggers during all seasons for forest school are best to avoid cuts and stings).
- White, black or navy socks.
- Trainers for PE (any colour is fine), suitable footwear for forest school (to change into wellies in school).

Spare clothes

Please bring in some spare clothes in a named plastic bag, in case your child has an accident or gets wet. This should include underwear, socks, bottoms (plain black/navy) and a t-shirt (plain navy/white). These clothes do not need to be school uniform, but in order to not bring attention to the child, we ask that they are the school uniform/PE kit colours.

The Infant Phase topic

Our theme for the half term will be: Getting to know you. During this topic, we will be getting to know each other a little better. We will be focussing on making new friends and will talk about our families. Please see the topic web for more information.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to say how much I am looking forward to sharing your child's first year with them. I know that we will have a fantastic year - I can't wait to get to know you all better in person.



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Miss Nicholas and the Reception Team.