

Reception Autumn Term Curriculum Newsletter



The children have completed their first few days in Reception. We are so proud of how quickly they have settled, and we are happy to report that they are making new friends, building super relationships with school adults and joining in activities enthusiastically. What a super start!



Please can children bring in a P.E. kit by Monday 25th September. This will be the first week that children begin to change for their P.E. lessons. From then on, P.E. kits will be sent home on a Friday and then should be returned to school each Monday.

Drink and Snack

Children have access to their water bottles throughout the day and a healthy snack is provided each morning. Please ensure that children bring water rather than juice and that bottles are clearly labelled. Thank you.

Cardigans and Jumpers

Children each have a tray to keep their jumpers/ cardigans in and we have been practicing putting them away and collecting them at home time. Inevitably, things do sometimes go missing, so please ensure that these are labelled so that we can return things to you as quickly as possible.

CHAT TUESDAYS

Every Tuesday afternoon from 3.30 until 4.00pm, Reception will be open for a 'pop in' session. You may want to chat to the teacher, ask a quick question or just have a look around. No appointment is necessary - just come through the gates at home time. Children often enjoy showing you around their new classroom themselves in the first few weeks!

OUR AUTUMN TERM TOPIC

This term our topic is called 'All About Me'. Children will be sharing photographs of people who are important to them, using art materials to create pictures of themselves and their families and finding out about where they live. We will also be doing some work on traditional tales, for example, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, The Gingerbread Man and The Three Billy Goat's Gruff. We often post photographs of activities children have been doing on our school BLOG so that you can see what we've been up to. Just follow the link on the school website.

CHAT SLIPS

On Friday children will also be bringing home some 'CHAT' slips. These are slips for you to fill in and return to school so that we can celebrate achievements at home. Some examples of achievements might be learning to fasten a coat, winning a swimming badge or doing a kind deed. Just fill one in, put your child's name on it and we will share it with the class. Thanks.

Reading and Phonics

Reading at Moorfield is taught through a scheme called 'Read, Write, Inc.'. This term your child will be learning the sounds that each letter of the alphabet makes and learning to put those sounds together to make words, for example c -a- t, cat. Reading books will be sent home once your child has learnt enough of these sounds to begin to build words. We will be holding a reading meeting for parents on Wednesday 20th September at 6pm and on Friday 22nd September at 2.45pm and look forward to seeing you at one of these. If for any reason you can't make it, please let us know.



FOREST FUN

On a Thursday afternoon we will be heading out into our school wooded area for our Forest School session. By the end of next week, please could children bring in a pair of wellies to keep in school, clearly labelled with their name. Children will be using this area to learn across the curriculum, for example counting leaves in Maths or creating nature collages in art. We will go outdoors even if the weather is a little cold or wet, so please make sure that your child has a warm or waterproof coat with them on these days.

AND FINALLY.....

Thank you for all your support in settling the children in so quickly. We look forward to continuing to work alongside you throughout the year and to giving your child the best possible start to their school life here at Moorfield.

Mrs Branch and the Reception Team