



## WHAT WE ARE LEARNING RECEPTION - SPRING TERM

Welcome back to everyone! It has been lovely hearing about all the exciting things you got up to in the holiday. We hope you are refreshed and ready for another fantastic term of learning.

**Our Topic this term is: People who help us** (Exploring about the people in our community that have jobs which keep us healthy and safe (Doctors/Firefighters/Police Officers etc.)

**Spring 1: Emergency Services**

**Spring 2: Community**

### Personal Social Emotional Development (PSED)

- We will continue to develop our confidence to speak to others about our interests and opinions.
- We will continue to learn how to work co-operatively with our peers.
- We will work hard to become independent learners.

### Communication and Language

- We will be discussing the different jobs people have and what their work might involve.
- We will be learning how to ask our visitors questions about their jobs.

### Understanding of the World (UW)

- We will be learning about the different jobs people have in the community.
- We will discuss how different people can help us to keep safe and healthy in the community.
- We will continue with Forest Schools every week and learn about the natural environment.

### Expressive Arts and Design (EAD)

- We will explore the roles of doctors, nurses and fire fighters through role play.
- We will be making our own work tools using various mixed media.
- We will learn songs and dance that links to our topic such as 'Miss Polly had a dolly'.

### Physical Development (PD)

- We will talk about what happens to our bodies when we exercise.
- In our PE lessons we will be developing our ball handling skills and learn organised team games.

### Mathematical Development (MD)

- We will be consolidating and cementing our knowledge of numbers to 10 and beyond.
- We will be learning about the names and properties of common 2D and 3D shapes.
- We will be learning to recognise and describe shapes we find in our environment.
- We will explore measuring the length and weight of different objects using various tools.
- We will practise ordering items by their length, weight or capacity.



### Literacy

- We will read the books 'Maisy goes to hospital', 'Handa's surprise' and 'Astro girl' etc.
- We will continue with our phonics sessions to build and improve our reading and writing skills.
- We will continue to learn how to write captions and simple sentences.
- We will practise using our writing skills to write letters, shopping list and cards.

# Welcome to Reception



## Key Information

### Book Bags

It is important that you bring your child's book bag into school every day with their reading record and library/ book in them as rotations and days will sometimes alter due to enrichment activities.

Information about the life of the school (letters, bulletins, accident report forms etc.) are very often put into book bags so a daily check is highly recommended.

### Forest Schools

Forest schools is on Thursday mornings. As it appears to be getting colder, please make sure your child is well wrapped up. You may also wish to put on thicker trousers or wear tights under their trousers.

### Creative area

We are always looking for donations for our creative arts area of newspapers, cereal or smaller boxes, cardboard tubes, egg boxes, bottle tops, corks, lids.

### Punctuality

Reception class doors open from **8.40am** and close at **8.50am**. Please make sure you drop and collect your child promptly every day. If your child is being collected by an adult who is not known to the Reception teacher, please ensure that you introduce them or leave a message at the office. All children must be collected by someone who is 16 or over.

### Parent Partnerships

Now that the children are settled, if you or anyone in your family has a little spare time and are interested in coming in to help in reception, we would love to hear from you. Maybe you have a hidden talent or hobby you could share with us e.g. sewing, cooking/baking, playing an instrument, gardening etc. Please speak to reception staff for more information. Thank you!

### Other Useful Information

Please ensure all items of clothing and school bags are **clearly labelled** with your child's name and class (please note that names can fade after washes so please check regularly). PE is on a Wednesday morning. Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing their full PE kit on this day. We hope your child has a great term!

