



# Autumn term 1<sup>st</sup> half 2024

## Reception class newsletter



Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to Reception! I will be sending a newsletter each half term to let you know what we will be learning about. Please keep an eye on Tapestry and your emails too as I love to share what we are getting up to! In Class R, we follow the seasons as the basis for our learning, as well as the children's current interests. We will be following the 'Wanderlust Child Nature Study' for much of our themed work over the year. This begins with AUTUMN and lots of lovely themes within this: Owls, Apples, Leaves, Sticks and Spiders to begin with. We will also be learning about sunflowers and seeds, following the children's interest. Some areas of our 'Continuous Provision' in class and outside will be enhanced to engage the children further in our themes. Other areas will be available on a continuous basis to develop key foundation skills, such as fine motor, early reading and writing, sharing, making friends, language skills...

In **Literacy**, we will be focusing on rhyme, rhythm and early phonic skills this half term, along with encouraging the children to mark make lines, circles and some letter shapes. I will be running a Phonics Workshop to explain more after the half term holidays. The children will begin Phase 2 phonics and will bring home a Phonics practise book to support this. Reading books with words will be sent home when we feel children are ready to begin blending and segmenting. Children receive a daily phonics session of 20 minutes. They will also have other whole class times, where we will share texts / have discussions, as well as group times and adult-led tasks.

In **Maths**, we will be developing the key skill of subitising this half term (recognising numbers of things without counting) as well as introducing the Number Blocks 1 to 5, 5 frames and 10 frames and introducing measuring.

All children will be completing an official Baseline Assessment task on the computer (more info will be given about this) which focuses on Literacy and Maths skills. Miss Crowther and I will be assessing the children ourselves, to gauge their current levels in relation to the EYFS curriculum and next steps.

We will be using the 7 areas of the EYFS curriculum to plan and deliver learning: Communication and Language, Personal, Social and Emotional Development, Physical Development, Literacy, Mathematics, Understanding the World and Expressive Arts.

P.E will be on Tuesdays and Wednesdays this term. You are welcome to leave P.E kits in school until the October holidays if you wish. **Earrings should be covered or taken out please and long hair tied back.**

**Outdoor learning** - children will have daily access to outdoors (where it is safe to do so). We will be taking the class on Nature Walks in our local area too to enhance their understanding of the current season and explore / have fun. Our Chair of Governors, Mrs Thompson, accompanies us on these walks but we also welcome parents / carers if you wish! We will let you know when our first walk is. We will also be having Forest School sessions in the school grounds with myself.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Boon and the EYFS team

Please remember you can send your Wow moments to: [newstarters@coateslane.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:newstarters@coateslane.lancs.sch.uk) - or use Tapestry to send photos and key moments if you wish.

### Key dates this half term:

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September** - Open Day at school 10-1

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September** - our first time in assembly! Fridays are 'achievement' assemblies and parents will be invited if your child has won an award.

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September** - we will be starting Phase 2 phonics this week. Look out for children's Phonics practise books being sent home.

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September** - lunch with your child 1 - please book. 12.00-12.30 (details to follow)

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September** - 3.15-3.45pm after school - Reception 'Meet the teacher' session in class

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September** - lunch with your child 2 - please book. 12.00-12.30.

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October** - Reception Stay and Play 9-10am (details to follow)

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October** - finish for the half term holidays, usual finish time 3.25pm