

# Reception Newsletter

September 2014

## Welcome!

A big welcome to new and familiar faces. We hope you have had a good summer. We are really pleased with how well the children are settling into their new classes. They are enjoying exploring their new environments and making new friends. Thank you for all your efforts to encourage your child to come into school independently. We understand that this is different for each child so please do not worry if your child is needing a little extra support with this.

## Learning Focus

This half term begins with Ourselves and Our Family. Our learning is based around a different book each week. We began with 'Harry and the Dinosaurs go to School'. This week 'What I Like' and next week 'The Biggest Bed in the World'. We will be giving the children the opportunity to find out about each other's likes and dislikes and encourage them to talk about things that are important to them. We will be establishing each child's starting point in all seven areas of learning. The seven areas of learning are:

### The Prime Areas of Learning

Communication and Language

Physical Development

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

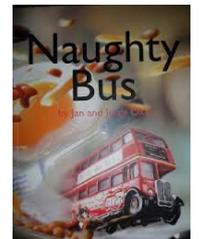
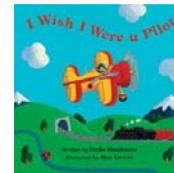
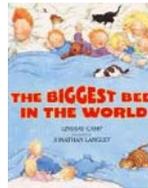
### The Specific Areas of Learning

Literacy

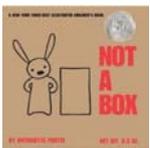
Mathematics

Understanding the World

Expressive Arts and Design



From week five our learning focus will be Transport. This has proved to be a popular theme for many of our children. The books we will be linking our learning to are 'I Wish I Were a Pilot', 'Not a Box', 'Naughty Bus' and 'Choo Clickerty Clack'.



## Parent Workshops

We will soon be sending you a letter inviting you to attend our brand new workshop linked to the book 'Not a Box'. It is important that every child has an adult to work with them. If you are unable to come, this adult could, for example, be a grandparent or a family friend. They will be held at **1:30pm - 3:05pm**

**Yellow Class**

**Monday 6th October**

**Red Class**

**Wednesday 8th October**

**Blue Class**

**Thursday 9th October**

## Named Uniform

Thank you for taking the time to make sure all of the children's uniform and PE kit is named. We endeavour to send your child home in the correct uniform each day. Mix-ups do occur but if the item is named it generally does return to its owner.



## Water Bottles

Please could children not put water bottles into book bags as they often leak.



**Thank you for all of your support.  
The Reception Team**