

# Reception Newsletter

September 2018

## Welcome

We would like to welcome new and familiar faces to St Laurence Church Infant School and thank you for allowing us to visit you at home. We are really pleased with how well the children are settling and believe that the home visits have helped with this. The children are enjoying exploring their new environments and making new friends.

## Learning Focus



The main focus for our teaching this half term is to help the children to settle into school, learn about how to use the different areas of the classroom and promote the 'Characteristics of Effective Learning'. More information about the 'Characteristics of Effective Learning' and the Curriculum we follow in Reception are on the revers of this newsletter.

Our theme for the half term is 'Ourselves'. We will be giving the children the opportunity to talk about themselves and their families. We will also be learning about our bodies and our senses. Children will learn how to write their name.

## Mathematics



In Mathematics, we will be teaching the children to recognise numbers up to ten. You could support your child by looking at the number of your home or houses as you walk down the road and helping them to recognise the numbers. We will also be starting to compare how much items weigh and how long they are.

## PE



Children will take part in PE with our sports coaches on a Tuesday and Wednesday. Charlotte will be teaching the children dance on a Tuesday and Chris will be introducing the children to different equipment used in sport and gymnastics on a Wednesday.

## Reading



Children will choose their first book from the class library to bring home for the weekend. This is for you to read to them and enjoy discussing together. (This is not your child's reading book). Children have the opportunity to swap this book for another one each day, although they are welcome to borrow it for as long as they would like to. Please keep this book in your child's book bag.

A sign up sheet for the Reading Information Workshop is now available outside your child's classroom. Please indicate whether you will be attending the **2.15pm** or **6.15pm** meeting on **Monday 24th September**. We look forward to seeing you there. Please telephone the school office if you are unable to sign the sheet yourself and you would like us to do this for you.

## Characteristics of Effective Learning

The Characteristics of Effective Learning will help children to become independent and want to learn. This will help them in Reception, and we hope will continue throughout their school career and beyond!

### Playing and exploring

- Finding out and exploring
- Playing with what they know
- Being willing to 'have a go'

### Creating and thinking critically

- Having their own ideas
- Making links
- Choosing ways to do things

### Active learning

- Being involved and concentrating
- Keeping trying
- Enjoying achieving what they set out to do

## Curriculum

Through exploring the different areas of our learning environment and engaging with others, we will ensure that the children access the different areas of the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum:

### Prime Areas - The Fundamental Building Blocks

- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Physical Development
- Communication and Language

### Specific Areas - The Skills

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

## A date for your diary

We will soon be sending you a letter inviting you to attend our first workshop. 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. It will be at 1.45pm - 3.00pm on:

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| Red Class:    | Tuesday 6th November  |
| Yellow Class: | Thursday 8th November |
| Blue Class:   | Friday 9th November   |



Thank you for all of your support.  
The Reception Team