



# Reception Information

## Autumn Term 1 - 2019



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Jahangeer



Miss Boulter



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Miss Begum



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Dates for the diary	
Thursday 17th October	Last day of term
Friday 18th October	School closed for INSET day
Monday 28th October	Children return to school

### Reading is Important

Reading morning will be on Tuesday at 9.00 until 9.15, Mums, Dads, Nans and Granddads etc. are encouraged to come in and read with their child.

All pupils will have a reading book which must be kept in their reading bag or folders and brought into school every day. Pupils may also take a book from the book corner every week. A new book can be taken home only when the previous one is returned.

Please read with your child each day and talk to them about their book. They need to understand what they are reading – not just be able to read the words.

### Home learning

**Homework will be sent home each week. Please ensure you help your child to complete it.**  
**Thank you for continuing to support you child with their homework activities.**

### General Reminders

#### **Remember school starts at 9.00am – don't be late!**

Your child is given a new set of spellings each week; please ensure that their spelling folder is returned every **Friday**.

P.E. will be on a **Wednesday**; please ensure a full P.E. kit is brought into school, including shorts, tracksuit bottoms, T-shirt and trainers or plimsolls and that it is not worn under their uniform. Jewellery must not be worn at school except for stud earrings which must be removed or covered with plasters for P.E.

Please ensure **ALL** of your child's clothing, shoes and all belongings are labelled with their name. It is your child's responsibility to keep their belongings safe. Also, correct uniform must be worn, including black shoes/trainers without laces unless your child can do them independently.

Please make sure that your child is wearing appropriate clothing for the weather conditions (hat, coat, gloves etc.). We provide water, milk and fruit daily therefore children do not need to bring any snacks to school.

**Please ensure that your child does not play on the outdoor playground equipment in the morning whilst waiting for school to begin**

### Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club takes place every day in the KS1 hall from 8am to 9am at a cost of £2 per day. Call at the school office to arrange a place for your child.

### Need to talk to your child's teacher?

Remember – you don't need to wait until Parents' Evenings to talk to your child's class teacher. Messages or information can be shared when you drop off /collect your child. If you need a conversation, make an appointment – your child's teacher will normally see you on the same day.



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## MATHS

In Maths, we are learning how to form numbers, how to count and to match amounts to a digit. Children will be exploring the concept of 1 more and 1 less using practical equipment. Children use physical objects to count and recognise values, and are encouraged to practise forming numbers every day.

We are also going to look at numbers in our environment so that the children become more familiar with them.

## LITERACY, COMMUNICATION AND LANGUAGE

Writing – We are focusing on letter formation and recognising sounds learned in phonics, being able to use them to write words. Writing work is also based upon our focus book of the week that we read and look closely at.

Reading – phonics lessons run every day, we are focusing on learning Set 1 sounds and tricky words (a, l, go, to, the, no). Children have a reading lesson every day in which we practice blending and decoding CVC words. We will also be looking at various authors and the books they have written (e.g. Julia Donaldson and *Stickman & The Gruffalo*). Children should bring in their reading folders every day and read with an adult/family member every evening.

Speaking – We are exploring various stories so that children can use their communication and language skills to talk about characters and settings. Children will also be supported in this area of development through the Box Clever

Intervention.

## UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORLD

We are learning about ourselves, looking closely at ourselves and our families. We will be asking the children to bring in pictures of their family so they can share details about their family life with their class and discussing similarities and differences.

## PERSONAL, SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

We will be learning about class rules and expectations in our class.

During circle time activities, children will discuss how to make friends, how to play sensibly in the playground and how to take turns. We will also use our class bears to talk about our feelings and how to treat others.

## PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

To help improve our fine motor skills we will be using sensory materials e.g. cornflour and play dough to support our writing. We will use various tools to strengthen our finger grips to help our fine motor skills. For our gross motor skills, we will be focusing on throwing, kicking and catching various objects and participating in team games.

## EXPRESSIVE ART AND DESIGN

We are going to develop our investigation skills by using various colours and implements such as paint, pens and collages to create our own pictures. Children will be making self-portraits and drawing family pictures by using various methods. We will be looking at the weather and how the seasons are changing on our first visit to the park. We are also going to re-visit the song 'Heads, shoulders, knees and toes' and taking part in various roleplay scenarios relating to the family.

## MUSIC

The children will express thoughts and feelings about music, act out and create the music for a story and play simple tunes on instruments. They will explore how to chant and sing rhymes and call & response songs