

Class 1 Newsletter Autumn Term 2019

WELCOME back to all our Reception and Nursery children, we hope you had a super summer. We would like to say a warm welcome to our new Nursery starters this term: **Connie, Tommy and Jimmy**.

Temporary changes to staffing in Class 1:

Mrs Irving sends her best wishes to you all, but unfortunately is still not well enough to be back at work. She is in touch regularly with Mrs Reed and is keen to know how everyone in Class 1 is getting on! In the meantime we would like to welcome Miss Beth Hickman who will be standing in for Mrs Irving. Miss Hickman is an experienced TA with a passion for supporting children's learning and development. She is excited about working at Lanercost and keen to get to know you all. Miss Lydia Murray, our new apprentice TA, will also be supporting Class 1 in the afternoons.

Key Person:

This term **Mrs Reed** will be acting as the **Key Person** for all children in Class 1, until Mrs Irving is well enough to return to work.

TAPESTRY - online learning journal

<https://tapestryjournal.com>

If you have any problems signing into your child's learning journal on Tapestry please let Mrs Reed know straight away.



NURSERY and RECEPTION EYFS

We are excited to support your child's learning and development across all areas of the EYFS through our enhanced continuous provision both indoors and outdoors, which will initially be based around some fantastic stories to do with animals, kindness and looking after the environment. Look out for photos on Tapestry!

RECEPTION RWI Phonics

Reception will begin formal RWI Phonics sessions this term. Look out for our current sound on display in the classroom.



I will also be sending home some practice sheets for you to look at with your child. The children will be familiar with these sheets and will probably take great delight in explaining to you what they have to do. If you do have any questions about how to support your child with RWI Phonics then please let me know.

A couple of parents were unable to attend the Induction event for Reception starters at the end of last term. Hopefully you will have had a chance to read the contents of the Induction pack by now. If you have any questions please see Mrs Reed.

NURSERY and RECEPTION Looking after our environment

The whole school is going to be learning more about the environment and how we can look after it. In Class 1 we will be learning all about what happens to the waste we produce and how we can help by following the simple idea 'reduce, reuse, recycle'.

Nursery will have the chance to explore some of these ideas through our outdoor recycling role play area, as well as through a range of 'Expressive Arts and Design' and 'Understanding the World' activities inspired by some lovely environmental picture book stories.

Reception and Year 1 will have specific Topic lessons with Mrs Reed on **Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons**. We will be focusing on what we can do at a local level as well as finding out about what some other places around the world are doing to protect their environment. We will be learning about climate change at an age appropriate level and about ways we can reduce our energy use, as well as the different alternative energy sources available in our country.

A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who helped their children to create such fabulous posters about local places that are special to them. It has been great listening to the children share their posters with the class. The posters are on display around our classroom.

NURSERY and RECEPTION Maths Passports

Over the next couple of weeks I will be assessing all the children to see what number knowledge and skills they have using our Maths Passport scheme. I will then send home a copy of the Maths Passport they are up to, which will show you which skills we are currently working on with your child either 1:1, or in a small group. If you have any questions about how to best support your child to achieve the skills in their Maths Passport then please let me know.



We hope to have some **quest speakers** coming into school this term to help explore different aspects of our Topic and we will be ending the term with a special '**sustainability**' themed **Christmas Fayre**. The children will be helping to make some items for sale at this Fayre.

READING BOOKS

Nursery: We usually send home a new picture book for you to share with your child at home every week.

Reception: We will normally send home 2 books a week for Reception. Initially you will need to read these books to your child, but you can play games such as 'spot the sound' by encouraging your child to point to the sounds they have learnt so far at school. You can also begin to get them to sound out simple CVC words such as 'dad' and encourage them to blend the sounds.

Please **record in your child's yellow reading record** when you read together at home. This is **REALLY IMPORTANT** as it helps establish an ongoing dialogue between school and home to support the development of your child's reading. Please make sure this reading record comes to school each day in your child's book bag.

If they read **four times at home in a week they earn 'Golden Time' on a Friday afternoon.** Golden Time for Reception is a mixture of crafts based activities and child-initiated play.

RECEPTION PE

PE on Thursday afternoons will be **Multi-skills activities** on the cricket pitch with **Frazer** (the cricket coach from last term).



PE on Friday afternoons will be led by **Carlisle United Football Club**. Children in Reception will need their normal PE kit and trainers along with longer socks (**they do not need proper football socks or shin pads in Reception**). They will also need **waterproof trousers and coat** as Football will happen even when it is wet.

Please make sure children come to school in their PE kits on PE days (joggers at this time of year rather than shorts!) **AND bring a spare pair of clothes including socks and their school shoes** with them as they may need to change into them if the field is muddy. Thanks.

RECEPTION: Every Thursday afternoon Reception will take part in a **Music** session with Miss Turnbull and Miss Fisher. Be prepared for your children coming home singing lots of new songs often in French!

NURSERY and RECEPTION Woodland School

Woodland School will take place on **Tuesday mornings** for both **Nursery** and **Reception** children. Please make sure your child has a named pair of **wellies** on Woodland School days and a **warm waterproof coat, gloves and hat**.

Even when the weather is really wet or cold, we still go up into the woods, but on these occasions we will dress your child in our school waterproof suits for extra protection against the elements! Please make sure your child comes to school on Woodland School days in **trousers or joggers** (no skirts or pinafores) and that they bring a spare change of clothes with them as even with waterproofs on they can still get muddy!



Miss Hickman, or Mrs Reed, will accompany the children when they go up to the woods and the sessions will be led by our experienced Woodland School teacher, Anna Gray. Mrs Reed will put up some observations of what your children get up to in the woods on Tapestry.

NURSERY - EYFS focus areas of learning and development

We will be focusing on the following **prime areas of learning and development** this term:

- **Communication and Language**
Through our Nursery speaking and listening group, morning 'talk-times', song time, story time, focused activities, 1:1 work and shared, facilitated play.
- **Personal, Social and Emotional development**
Through our Golden Rules, circle time, stories and books that allow children to understand and share their emotions, 1:1 support, and shared, facilitated play.
- **Physical development (including pre-writing skills)**
Through Write Dance, Dough Gym, Finger Gym activities, outside play, to develop gross motor skills, physical development challenges and obstacle courses, Woodland School, Activate and other dance and movement activities.

NURSERY AND RECEPTION Christian Values

Our Christian Value for this term is Wisdom. To start the term off we will all be taking part in a special **Values Day** to explore what this value means, through the use of Bible stories and examples from our own lives. We will also continue to talk about British Values and link these directly to the school's Christian Values.



Reception will take part in RE lessons joint with Yr 1 on **Monday afternoons** led by Mrs Reed and supported by Miss Murray. This term our RE topics are **'What are we thankful for?'**, **'What do stories from the Bible teach us about Jesus?'** and **'Why do Christians perform nativity plays at Christmas?'**

RE week will take place in October and Class 1 will be joining with Class 2 to respond creatively to this year's theme: **Children in the Bible.**