

Rec 2019- 2020The coming year will be very important for the class and despite only teaching them for a few days so far I can already tell it will be an enjoyable year!



Below I have listed some important things to remember as well as giving you an insight into the topics the children will be studying. If you have any questions, problems or issues please don't hesitate to come and see myself (Mrs Jameson), Mrs Hughes, Mrs Moore or Miss Kirby.

A little bit about Reception

In Moorside we ensure that all children and parents feel welcome and involved in every stage of learning. Over the next few weeks the staff will ensure that children settle in to their new class and feel at ease in their new environment.

In Reception learning is taught through play based activities made fun and interesting for the children. As we are a joint foundation stage there are integrated times with both nursery and reception to allow children to move freely between the two areas and also mix with the nursery children and staff.

A bit about the class teacher

I have been teaching at Moorside for ten years now and have worked for four years in Year 1 and six years in Reception. I am the Assistant Headteacher along with the EYFS and KS1 leader. I have recently returned from my maternity leave and have just got married in February.

Topics

All about Me!

Festivals and Celebrations

Once upon a time

Wild World

The Circle of Life

Speedy Superheroes

Reading

On a daily basis children will read independently and as a group. Where possible children will read 1:1 with an adult, for some children this may be on a daily basis. All children receive a daily phonics lesson.

If possible children should read at least three to four times a week at home. This does not mean that they are required to read the full book, just a few pages is fine. This enables the children to become more familiar with words, boosts their confidence and also helps them to make progress in their reading. If your child is making accelerated progress (Better than expected) their picture will be displayed on the Reading Tree in the hall. Please fill in or tick in your child's orange reading record so that we know when they have read. Please ensure that your child brings their book bag in each day so that we can change their books.

Homework

Homework is now optional and will be given out on most Fridays. Please bring back the homework for Monday in the homework folders. After Christmas children will be sent home with weekly spellings to learn for their spelling test on Fridays. They will have a week to learn their spellings and the test will be a non pressured test.

Punctuality

The focus for this school year is for the children to arrive in school on time. If children arrive after 8:55 they will be marked as late in the register. Every morning the infants have phonics when they first arrive at school, so this is a vital part of the day that they will miss out on if they are late. The school doors open at 8:45 every morning.

Snack/ Breakfast

Each child now receives a free breakfast each morning. They can choose from porridge, a bagel or cereal.

Children are given a piece of fruit each day for free.

There is a rolling snack table available for children throughout the day to have a drink or something to eat. Children can also bring in their own water bottles if they wish but we have a water dispenser in class which children can help themselves to.

School Lunches

All children in the infants receive a free school lunch everyday. If you would like to circle a menu and hand it in for your child if you require them to eat certain things please feel free to do so. If your child does not like their lunch an alternative option will be provided.

Key Workers

All children have now been allocated a key worker who gathers assessment information to assist the class teacher. They will also take on the role as the key nurturer, making the children feel as settled and as reassured as possible.

P.E. and sport

Our P.E. day will be given out to follow. I always ask the children to leave their P.E. kit in school in case of extra P.E. PE will not properly start until next half term to allow the children to settle in to their new class first.

Toys

As we have many interesting and exciting toys in class we ask that children do not bring their own toys into class as this causes upset if they are lost etc. We

do however encourage children to bring their favourite books in or any certificates or achievements they wish to go in their learning journeys.

Uniform

Please ensure that your child's uniform is clearly labelled to help us ensure they go home each day with the correct uniform. Children are responsible for looking after their own jumpers and cardigans however if they have misplaced them they are easier to find if clearly labelled.

Parental Involvement

In reception we greatly encourage parental involvement in all aspects of the children's learning. We hold an open door policy in which parents are free to come in at any time to view their child's learning journeys or stay with their child if they may be upset etc. Throughout the year there will be opportunities for parent/ teacher coffee mornings, reading and phonics workshops and many more.

Your support is greatly valued by myself and the school as a whole. Please feel free to come and discuss any issues with myself, Mrs Moore, Miss Kirby and Mrs Hughes at any time.

Thank you for all of your help.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Jameson

(Assistant Headteacher)