

Welcome to Reception



Hello to you all,

Although we have had so much time off school and things are a bit different now, the children have settled very well. 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 Dutton). The other adults in Reception class are Mrs Moore, Miss Kirby and Miss Davies.

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.

Topics

In Reception learning is taught through play based activities made fun and interesting for the children. The topics that we will cover are:

I am Unique!
Festivals and Celebrations
Fur, Feathers and Fins
Traditional Tales
The Circle of Life
Wonderful World

Reading

On a daily basis children will have opportunities to 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. Please fill in or tick in your child's 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.

Punctuality

Reception class doors open at 8:45am. 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.

Breakfast/Snack

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. We also 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. Very soon you will be able to access your child's learning online to see the activities and learning they experienced. Please complete and return the slip attached to the letter requesting your email address. Thank you!

P.E

Reception's P.E day is a **Tuesday**. Children should come to school in their P.E kit. The children should wear warm clothing suitable for outdoors such as jogging/tracksuit bottoms, jumper or zip jacket during cooler weather with sensible footwear.



Toys

Please could we ask for children not to bring their own toys into school due to the current climate of Covid 19 and also if they did get lost or broken this will cause upset.

Uniform

Please ensure that your child's uniform is clearly labeled 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 labeled. We do encourage children to place their jumpers and cardigans in their own tray when they are not wearing them.

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 Miss Davies at any time.

Please follow us on Instagram - **Moorside Academy Early Years** to see what fun and exciting activities we will be up to.

Thank you for all of your help.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Dutton
(Reception Teacher)