

## Important Information:

- **Snack money**

Each week we ask for a donation of 50p to buy additional snacks and resources for craft activities, such as buying ingredients for play dough or a cooking activity. **The total amount for this half term will be £3.00.**

- **School Bag**

Please bring a bag to school every day. This enables your child to bring home letters and work more easily from school.

- **Reading every evening at home**

It is vital that you read with your child and sign their reading diary each day, as this is an important part of your child's development and an excellent communication tool between the school and home. If you would like to read a book from home, then please feel free to write this into the diary.

Alternatively, you can choose a book from our going home collection at the end of each day. If you have finished a reading diary, you can get a free one from the office. If you lose it then there will be a charge of £1.00.

- **Homework**

Please ensure that your child's homework folder is returned every Thursday so it can be checked and updated. We provide your child with new homework on a Friday. The homework will *only* be marked if it is handed in on time. Any questions or concerns regarding this please speak to one of our Early Years team.

- **Spare clothes**

Please ensure that you send some spare clothes in for your child in case any accidents occur, this should include underwear and socks. If an accident does occur and they do not have spare clothes, then the school office will call you and ask you to bring some in. **PLEASE LABEL ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING AND CHECK THE LABELS REGULARLY AS THEY MAY FADE OVER TIME.**



## Reception Newsletter - Autumn 1 2018

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Reception. This is an exciting time for you and your child. We hope that you had a lovely summer break and feel ready to take on the new challenges of school. It is important that we work together to support your child with this transition to Reception. Please come and speak to one of the team if you have any questions or concerns.

As our main topic focus is 'All About Me' during Autumn 1, could you please bring your child's special box in by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September, so your child has the opportunity to talk about their interests and experiences with their classmates. We would also love to add a baby photo of your child to our baby clinic role-play area, so please include one in the box if possible.

Please take a look at Duncombe's Parent Handbook on our website [www.duncombprimary.co.uk](http://www.duncombprimary.co.uk). You will find the link to the handbook by clicking Learning menu bar, then the Teaching and Learning section. The link to the handbook is under the Early Years heading.

Thank you for your support and cooperation  
The Reception Team

## Main topic focus - All About Me

### Prime Areas

#### Communication and Language

- Talk about our learning and experiences at school. Sharing good work and photographs of activities each week.
- Subject and topic based songs and rhymes.
- Special Box project - sharing our own experiences and interests.

#### Personal, Social and Emotional development

- Settling in to Reception and the daily routines of school.
- Exploring the learning environment and the range of resources available.
- Participating in whole class and small group sessions.
- Learning class rules and following the expectations for behaviour and cooperative learning.

#### Physical development

- Fine motor activities to develop strength and control of wrists and hands.
- Practising name writing and letter formation as part of phonics.
- Exploring the range of climbing equipment, wheeled toys and small resources, such as bats and balls.

### Specific Areas

#### Literacy

- 'Letters and Sounds' phonics programme- Learning alphabet sounds. Beginning to blend sounds for reading and segment words for spelling.
- Talk for Writing focus - Rosie's Walk
- Authors of the Term - Tony Ross and Judith Kerr,
- Daily story-time sessions.
- Shared reading sessions.

#### Mathematics

- Daily counting and calculation activities.
- Weekly small group maths games.
- Learning maths songs and rhymes.
- Exploring ways to record - marks, numbers, drawings etc.
- Developing number recognition and counting sets of objects reliably.

#### Understanding the World

- Getting to know Duncombe School.
- Small world play and construction kit activities.

- Accessing games and activities on the interactive whiteboard and iPads.
- Exploring our senses in the investigation area.

#### Expressive Arts and Design

- Focusing on self portraits. Looking at features of our face and body.
- Exploring a range of painting and drawing resources and techniques.
- Exploring collage and junk modelling activities.
- Weekly music sessions with Lena.
- Home corner role play.

*The activities and opportunities for learning stated above are in addition to the continuous provision available for all areas of learning.*

### Parents as Partners

#### Books to read at home with your child

As part of our commitment to working with 'parents as partners', we invite you to come in to change your child's reading book. This can be done any day after school from 3.30pm - 3.40pm in Tony Ross Class.

