



Reception

Half Termly Update

Autumn Term 1

Dear Parents,

We hope you had a wonderful summer and your children have settled in brilliantly in their first day. We are so excited about having them formally start school at Duncombe.

A large part of the Early Years is that we focus on the Prime areas and spend time playing, learning how to manage our emotions, share and understand each other's feelings. These elements are ingrained in everyday activities, games and group work.

Phonics and maths sessions will happen daily. Reading books will be changed at least once a week, so please bring in book bags daily (we aim to do this on Monday). Our phonics scheme is Read Write inc. and we will start by playing listening games and then learning letter sounds. You will be invited in to attend a phonics coffee morning and observe phonics in class later in the half term.

PE is on Tuesdays, Music on Mondays, a weekly donation of 50p for consumables is payable to the class teacher.

You will receive a letter about being a secret reader. If you can spare 15 minutes one Friday, the children love to guess whose parent will come in to read a story.

As your child has joined Reception this academic year, over the next six weeks they will be taking part in the Reception Baseline Assessment. This is a national assessment that will be administered in all schools in England to pupils in Reception classes.

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Maths

Maths is everywhere in our learning through play. We will particularly focus on: Numbers to 10, counting, more & less, matching numerals, subitizing, pattern and shape patterns, positional language.

Literacy

We use the Talk4Writing literacy programme at Duncombe. Inspiring story telling through a love of books and learning short stories, such as Owl Babies and Baby Mouse. Innovating these stories to change characters or settings. Starting to write by identifying the initial sounds in words.

Understanding the World

This half term is a busy one, we will be learning about:

- Exploring the natural world around them.
- Describing and comparing some environments and habitats that are different to the one in which he/she lives.
- Understanding some important processes and changes in the world around him/her, including the seasons and changing states of matter.
- Talking about members of their immediate family and community.
- Naming and describing people who are familiar to them.

On Fridays we will be learning about whatever the children choose they want to find out more about during the week. So, the host of topics for this learning is endless!

We will be learning 'All about me' this half term, keeping ourselves healthy and really looking at oral health where we will be brushing our teeth in school daily; this is in addition to you brushing their teeth at home and not in place of.

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