Reception — Autumn 2

The Team

We have a super team to help and support the children on their learning journey.

Mrs Foster -Donaldson Class Teacher.

Miss Sellers - Rosen Class Teacher.

Mrs Baker and Mrs Chambers –Teaching

Assistants. Mrs Smedmore will teach Rosen on a Friday.

The children will see all of the staff each day and get to know us all really well. If you have any quick questions or concerns please feel free to speak to one of the team at pick up time.

The children have settled into school life beautifully and we can't wait to learn more during our second term.

Don't worry if there are tears occasionally—this is completely normal and all of our team are highly experienced in comforting and settling the children quickly once they come into school. Please be aware that our priority will always be the children so if you have a message to pass on please be patient with us and allow us to settle the children through the doors first. Please keep quick messages for drop off and leave any longer messages for pick up after school when we will have more time for the adults.

Please note we are asking for water bottles to be kept at home now. We have experienced upset over lost or broken bottles during term 1 and we have decided to say no to water bottles until the summer months. Water and milk is always available during the day and during lunchtimes so your children will have plenty of opportunity to have lots of drinks, we will of course be encouraging any reluctant drinkers. We have cups and jugs and an area to drink, this will encourage independence with pouring, washing up and chatting to friends at the snack table.

A polite reminder that toys from home need to stay at home, they are often lost or damaged in school.

Phonics and Reading

The children will now be taught in Phonics Groups based on their ability. This allows us to tailor teaching to meet everyone's needs. Some children will be revisiting sounds we have already learnt, others will move on to new sounds. But remember, everyone learns at their own pace.

Please remember to check your child's reading folder as this is where you will find books or sheets to practice.

We would like you to aim for reading at home at least 4 times a week—

Practice makes progress!

If you read at home you can sign the reading record to let us know you have been practicing. We will change books once a week.

Curriculum

This term our focus topic is: Celebrations.

We will learn about different celebrations and will have a special visitor to celebrate Diwali.

We also look forward to welcoming you on: **Wednesday 3rd December 2:15-3:15pm** for a festive stay and play.

Tapestry

Tapestry is the main way we will communicate with families, so please make sure you are checking it to ensure you don't miss something.

We welcome and actively encourage all parents to post the children's achievements, interests and home learning.

Please aim for one post a week.

Please ensure EVERY item they bring into school is named—we are unable to help find or return any items without a name.

PLEASE SEND IN A PAIR OF NAMED WELLIES TO STAY IN SCHOOL, WATERPROOF TROUSERS WOULD ALSO BE WELCOME.

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