

General Information and Reminders

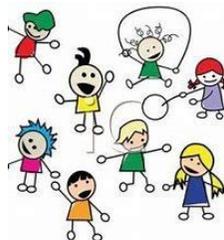
PE

PE will take place on Mondays and Fridays. Please ensure that your child has the correct PE uniform in school every day by December. Children will only change shoes for the first few weeks of PE lessons.

- blue shorts/tracksuit trousers
- a grey t shirt
- plimsolls or a change of trainers for outside

Please ensure all clothes and plimsolls are clearly labelled with your child's name.

PE in Reception is taught by Mr Spadaccini.

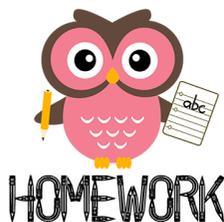


Trips It looks unlikely that we will be able to conduct any trips this term. However, where possible, we will try to invite visitors and workshops into school and conduct local visits if they are relevant and can be done safely. Information about any trips outside school will be sent to parents separately.

Homework - We will not be setting homework tasks in the first half term of this academic year while we take stock and review how our homework works. Children should still be reading regularly at home and we will still be sending tricky words and phonics sounds to practise each week, as well as information about the learning which has taken place in school that week.

When homework is set it will be sent home on Thursdays and is due back the following Tuesday. This term it will consist of a creative activity, reading practice and a letter of the week sheet. You could also support your child's learning by hunting for objects that begin with these sounds.

The reading diaries will be used in order to carefully monitor progress in reading as well as being a useful home-school link.



Class assembly

Until further notice, we are unable hold any class assemblies where parents and carers are invited into school to watch. When it is safe for us to do this again, we will let you know.

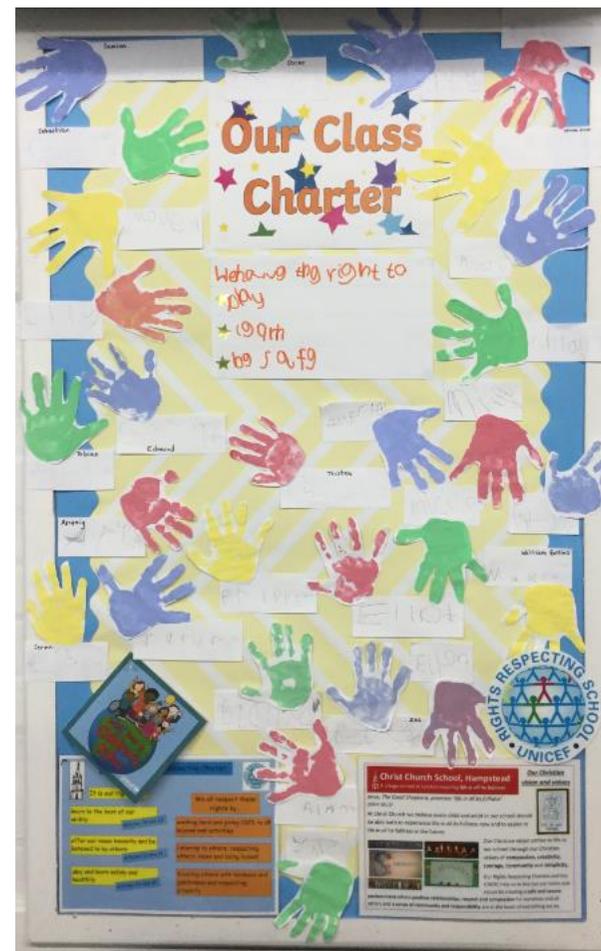
Reminders

- Please ensure all school clothes are named to prevent items getting lost.
- If your child is absent from school, please phone the school office on the first day of absence and write a note on his/her return.
- Your child has been given a Christ Church water bottle. Please make sure your child's water bottle is in school every day.
- **In response to parent feedback, we no longer give out cakes, sweets or any food/non-food items which are sent in from home.**



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Welcome to Reception

Autumn Term 2020



Reception

Class Teacher: Miss Innes

Support Staff: Miss Mardon

Other adults working with Reception: Miss James (Music) and Mr Spadaccini (PE)

Welcome to the autumn term in Reception!

This letter outlines our class topics, trips and general information for this term.

In reception we follow the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) that prepares the children for life at school and the National Curriculum. Throughout the year we will be providing lots of opportunities for the children to work towards a set of Early Learning Goals in seven different areas of learning.

The reception team and I are very much looking forward to working with you and your child this year. If you have any worries or concerns or would like further information about this term's curriculum, please do not hesitate to book an appointment to discuss these with me.

Kind regards,
Miss Vicky Innes



Christ Church Arts Project and the Global Sustainable Development Goals

As parents will know, Christ Church is an active Rights Respecting School and we regularly seek to promote the rights of all children in everything we do. For this term's Arts Project we are taking the opportunity for classes to explore the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and, in particular, the Global Goals for Sustainable Development. With help from the class teachers, the children will select one of the 17 Global Goals, as well as one of the articles in the Convention, and produce artwork to promote them. Some of these Global Goals include gender equality, good health, renewable energy and climate action. In our Reception class, the children will be introduced to the UNICEF symbol as they start their Rights Respecting journey through our school. We are looking forward to sharing our art work with parents in some way later in the term. <https://www.globalgoals.org/>



Literacy



Children will develop their emergent reading and writing skills. Sounds of the week will be learnt following the Letters and Sounds and Jolly Phonics schemes of work. We will be learning to write each letter in print using a range of malleable activities such as writing in the sand before working on whiteboards to practise our letter formation.

Reading



The children are encouraged to take home a story book from the book case and when they are ready, a book from our banded reading scheme. Please enjoy sharing stories with your child as regularly as you can, to cultivate and reinforce a love for reading. Please use the reading diary as a useful home-school link. Our daily phonics sessions will help to develop the initial stages of sounding out consonant, vowel, consonant words to support reading.



The children will be learning about the creation story; thinking about what is precious to them and considering what makes the world a special place. In the second part of the Autumn term the children will learn about the Christmas story with a focus on the role of the angels. We will think about how this special event is celebrated by Christians.

Numeracy



Children will develop their knowledge of numbers, shapes and measures. We will look at saying number names in order; understanding the value of, recognising and ordering numbers 0 - 10; counting objects reliably and sorting them; finding one more/one less than a given number; exploring shapes and patterns.

Understanding of the World



We will be exploring and investigating the changes in the environment that take place in Autumn and Winter. Children will also learn about different celebrations and festivals including Harvest and Diwali. We will look at how technology is used for a purpose exploring electronic toys to support our learning.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development



Our PSHE week takes place during the week commencing Monday 9th November 2020 and will focus on positive relationships (including anti-bullying) and celebrating diversity. In Reception we will be learning about school routines, developing friendships, sharing and taking turns, developing confidence and self-esteem and becoming more independent.

Physical Development



The children will be encouraged to develop their gross and fine motor skills and to move confidently and safely in a range of ways. We will practise using equipment effectively including pencils for writing and scissors for cutting. The children will take part in daily sessions of dance and movement to develop their balance, co-ordination and spatial awareness.

Expressive Arts and Design



The children will develop their creative skills through art, music, role-play, drama and dance. They will be encouraged to experiment and practise a range of skills including drawing, painting, collaging, printing and stencilling. Unfortunately, we cannot do any group singing during music lessons at the moment but we will do some other fun musical activities instead to develop listening and confidence.

Communication and Language



We will encourage children to listen attentively and to respond with relevant comments, questions or actions. Children will also develop their interaction skills with others and be encouraged to express themselves effectively.

Please see the reverse for general reminders and some key dates!