

JUST SOME OF THE WAYS WE SUPPORT OUR LEARNING IN RECEPTION



**Speaking and Listening**

We have lots of times when we stop and speak to our friends and listen to each other.

At different times we have:

* WOW moments
* Share a Book
* Tapestry
* Talking time

We will let the children and you know when each one is.

**Religion**

We learn more about our faith and the faith of others.

We share bible stories, sing hymns and learn scripture.

We pray in class and in our whole school assemblies.

We enjoy spending time with our Prayer Buddies in another class.

Mindfulness helps us in

so many ways.

**Numbers**

We do lots of practical activities, play games and use Numicon to help us develop our understanding of number.

We have a daily estimating competition!

**Phonics**

We learn to read and write every day through Read Write Inc.

We have a word fan to help us read and spell new words.

We practise our sounds to help us be super speedy.

Fred Frog helps us!!

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Let’s talk!





**Physical Development**

Over the year, PE coaches come in to help us become better sports people.

We develop our pencil control through lots of activities, one of our favourite being dough disco! (google Dough Disco Shonette)

We develop our team building skills and strength through building obstacle courses.

**Let’s Find Out!**

We discover and explore both indoors and out.

Some investigations are tricky and take a lot of thinking and teamwork!

**WALT:**

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Leo the Lion!

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**Music**

We sing lots of songs together to help us learn.

We use lots of different musical

instruments.

**Commando Joe**

Commando Joe helps us to develop lots of skill

through RESPECT and gives us missions to do.

CoJo Ted may come home to stay with you!

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SOME MORE OF THE WAYS TO SUPPORT LEARNING IN RECEPTION

**Celebrating Together**

We enjoy celebrating what we have learnt and can do – we are proud of our achievements!

On Fridays, we find out who are the week’s **Golden Children** and certificates are awarded in our Special Assembly. We also celebrate our achievements out of School eg. Swimming Awards.

**Tapestry** (online app) is a superb way to show us what you child can do, enjoys and does at home – we love sharing your photos and comments at Snack Time.

Twice a year (Nov and March usually) we invite you to our **Stay and Play** when you are welcome to come in and spend time with your child in class – great fun is had by all.

**Your parental contributions are invaluable,**

**so please share with us as much as you can.**

**Homework**

We suggest your child spends 15 minutes a day:

* Reading their book bag book
* Practising their word fan
* Practising their sounds
* Practising handwriting

We also send home as and when appropriate:

* Phonics sheets
* Maths activities
* Topic activities

**We always welcome your comments about your child's learning**

**Visitors and Trips**

We have visitors over the year to help us learn.

We visit local places including the library and park and go on trips.

We support Learning out of the classroom!

**If you have an expertise you can share, please let us know – we would welcome your input.**







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**Computing**

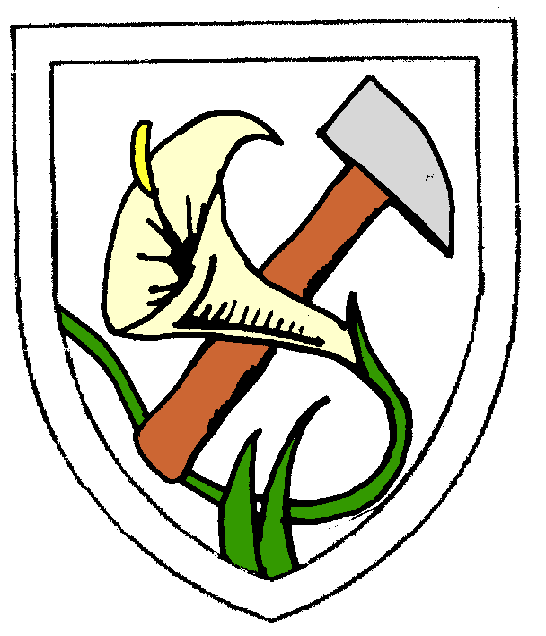
We use the Smartboard and other technology to help us learn within class.

**Useful WEBSITES to support learning at home**, as well as in class are:

* **Sparklebox** has a great bank of resources you may wish to download, print off and use at home.
* **ICT games** is super for interactive literacy and maths games.
* **Phonics Play** is good for developing your child’s phonics skills.
* Lots of great songs on **YouTube** –will send home details through year.

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We are all Super Stars in Reception!



USEFUL INFORMATION FOR RECEPTION

The School Day, with Before and After School Club

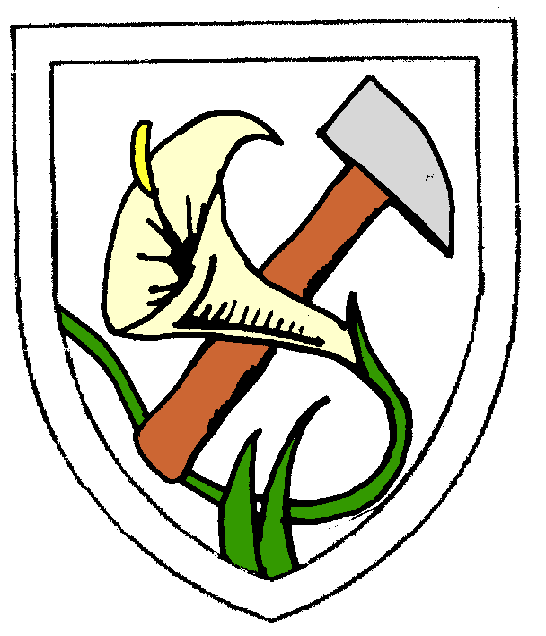
* The school day begins at 8.45 am and finishes at 3.10 pm
* Children will be greeted on the playground and brought in by members of our Reception staff.
* Children in Before School Club are brought down to the classroom from the hall at 8.45 am.
* At home time, please wait outside on our playground and your child will be released to whoever is collecting them.
* Children in After School Club are taken down to the hall at 3.10 pm.
* Please always inform us if someone different is picking up your child on a particular day – please let them know your unique password.
* Please let us know in writing if you give permission for someone else to pick your child up on a regular basis.
* Please try and be on time for your child. It is important to let us know if you are going to be late so that we may reassure your child.

However, please do not worry if you are unexpectedly on the minutes as your child will always be safe with us in school.

* If you have any worries or concerns, please do not hesitate to tell us, either on the playground, or you may telephone to speak with us. We only ask that we can bring the children into their classroom of a morning and release them at home time before we speak.

Uniform / Clothing / PE kit

* Please ensure **all** of your child’s uniform, outdoor clothing and PE kit is **always clearly** labelled.
* PE kits are kept in school and sent home at the end of each half term. Please relabel kit if required.
* We encourage the children to undress and dress themselves for PE.
* School shoes and pumps with velcro are best for young children.
* We do lots of our learning outdoors, so please ensure your child is appropriately dressed for the weather.

 Hair and Jewellery

* We request that longer hair is always tied back as we do occasional have occurrences of head lice. Should this happen, please

inform us and we will send home our standard, anonymous letter to parents so they may treat their children too and we rid of

these unwelcome visitors asap.

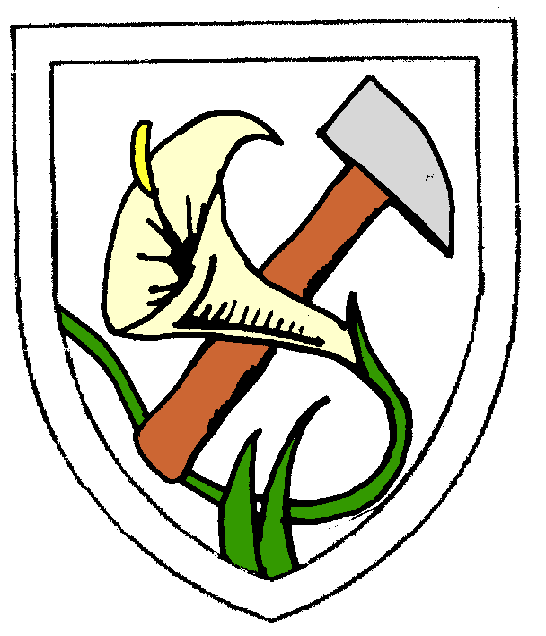
* Watches and stud earring are the only jewellery allowed in school. Earrings may not be worn on PE days.

Communication

* The School’s weekly newsletter is online each Monday.
* Letters from school will be sent home in the book bag and/or our website.
* Text2parents is a great for us sending you whole school and class specific messages, reminders etc, please ensure contact number is up-to-date.
* Tapestry is our online system we use to share photos with yourself and you can send us them too.
* **Please note**, all absences and time off for appointments require a letter to be sent into school asap.
* **Please, please** feel free to contact us any time about whatever you wish.
* **We ALWAYS welcome you parental comments, they are invaluable in supporting your child.**

Book Bags

* **Your child will need their book bag in school each day.**
* Their reading book and phonics resources should always be in their book bag.
* Reading books are changed twice a week and will be put in book bag.
* Read Write Inc. phonics resources are added to once a week and sent home in book bag.
* Your letters for school and letters for home should be sent via book bag.
* Homework will be sent home and can be returned in book bags.
* Please check for accident forms.
* Party invites will be popped in book bags but we are unable to monitor replies.

 Monies

* Payment for Before and After School Club, trips and dinners are to be paid online to appropriate bank account.
* Any money sent into school for other things eg. cake sale, donations, concert tickets, must be sent in in **your child’s zipper wallet**. If you are sending in money for more than one thing, please pop us a little note detailing in the zipper wallet.

Trays and Belongings

* Your child has their own school tray in class, in which they keep their book bag and any items they bring from home.
* Any item brought in from home should be small enough to fit in your child’s school tray.
* No valuables or breakables please!
* We encourage children to share the items they may bring in but not swap.

Milk, Water and Snack

* You may order milk each term or for the academic year through [www.schoolmilkuk.co.uk](http://www.schoolmilkuk.co.uk).

**PLEASE NOTE: your child is entitled to free school milk until they are five so please ensure you do not pay too early!**

* If your child is not having milk at Snack time, we ensure they have water when their friends are having their milk so please send in a water bottle each day – clearly labelled.
* We advise that all children bring in their own water bottle each day – clearly labelled – for them to access when they wish throughout the day. **Water, not juice!**
* All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are provided with a piece of fruit every day. However, if you wish you may send in your own fruit snack.

Accidents, Inhalers and Medicine

* Should your child have an accident within school involving anywhere on the head, they will be given a head bump sticker to wear around school and we will speak with you at the end of the day and request your signature. If your child is in After School Club a member there will do this when you pick up. For other minor accidents, such as grazed knees, their accident form will be in their book bag.
* If your child uses an inhaler, please label it clearly with your child’s name and times to be taken. Inhalers are kept in the School’s medical cabinet and staff will ensure your child is able to take their inhaler as and when needed. Please ensure inhaler is always in date.
* No medicines may be taken by children or administered by staff in school. Should your child require prescribed medicine, authorisation may be arranged through Headteacher Mrs. Moncado to be administered by an approved member of staff.

