

Reception Class Newsletter – Spring Term One

Dinosaur and Dragon Tales

This half term the topic title in Reception Class is ‘Dinosaur and Dragon Tales.’ Children in Reception Class will learn all about what dinosaurs looked like and how they lived. Children will pretend to be explorers as they hunt for dinosaurs, bones and fossils around the classroom. Children will also learn about dragons, knights and other mythical creatures. Children will be learning how to re-tell familiar fairytales and how to make up their own tales!

School Uniform

It is the school’s policy that all children **must** wear school uniform at school. Please visit the school’s website, or call our office, if you are unsure what your child should wear.

School Trips

As a school we ensure that our curriculum is enhanced with a variety of trips and visitors across the school year. We heavily subsidise the cost of these trips but we also rely on parents/carers ensuring that they pay towards the cost of the trip. Please ensure you pay any outstanding balances for trips that have taken place during the Autumn Term.

Home Reading

Children in Reception Class are expected to read at home, with a parent/carer at least three times per week. Children will bring home a reading record – which they must bring to school every day! They will also bring home a reading book every day. This is the book that children should read and re-read at home. The book should be returned every Friday, ready for a new book on Monday! Please record each time your child reads in their reading record. Children who read three times per week will be awarded with a small prize every Friday!

Attendance

Research proves that attendance is linked to academic achievement. The more your child is in school, the better they will achieve academically! Parents and carers play a key role in ensuring their children attend school regularly. **Therefore, please ensure that your child comes to school every day.** Children will earn a variety of individual and class rewards for meeting our 96% attendance target!

Punctuality

As well as regular attendance at school, parents need to ensure that their child arrives at school on time each morning. School starts at 8.45 am with the registers at 8.55am. Being late on a regular basis adds up to a loss of learning time.

Don’t be Late Through the Gate!

5 minutes late every day	3.5 days of lost learning time per year
10 minutes late every day	7 days of lost learning time per year
15 minutes late every day	10.5 days of lost learning time per year
30 minutes late every day	21 days of lost learning time per year