

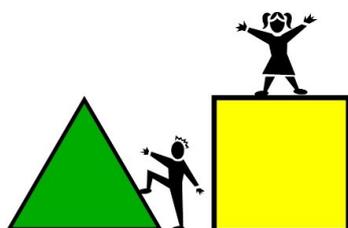


Dear Parents/Carers

Firstly, a big welcome to East Morton CE Primary School from all the Reception Team. We are so excited to meet you and your child as they begin their journey at school.

Our team consists of: myself, Miss Goodison, I will be your child's full-time class teacher; Miss Marshall who is an experienced teaching assistant and will be working full-time in Reception; and finally, Mrs Forsyth, an experienced Early Years Practitioner who works part-time with us.

Topic: For our first half term our topic will be 'Who lives in the deep dark woods?' We will be focusing on stories the children will be familiar with to support their transition into school. For the first few weeks we will be looking at The Gruffalo story. We will begin our learning journey by designing our own beasts, building houses for the animals in the story and making our own Gruffalo crumble! We will then move on to reading the story 'Going on a bear hunt' where we will create our own maps, beginning to use positional language in our mathematics. Our maps will take us on our own bear hunt...I wonder what we might find! This will lead into investigating which other creatures live in the woods and why some animals are awake at night. Therefore, to finish off our topic we will look at the book 'Owl Babies'.



Maths: Our maths learning will firstly focus on counting and recognising numbers 1-10 and also looking at 2D shapes. We will introduce the children to mathematical language such as 'taller' and 'shorter' and positional language when we go on our bear hunt. You can support your child at home by practising accurately counting to 10 and recognising numerals.

Phonics: Our phonics teaching begins by looking at sounds and rhyming words. We will then begin teaching phase 2 phonics sounds that children will begin to blend together in order for them to start reading. More information on how we teach phonics will be provided later in the half term. We will send flashcards home in your child's pencil case for them to practise their recognition of phase 2 phonics sounds.

Reminders:

As the weather can be unpredictable, please could you provide your child with a waterproof coat each day. All-in-one waterproofs are ideal so the children can benefit from our outdoor provision all year around.



Please could you provide your child with a water bottle with their name on. Please ensure these are filled with water only, to comply with school policy.

School meals are provided free of charge to children in Reception to Year 2 and the Friday school newsletters will list the menu options for the following week. If your child brings their own packed lunch please make sure it does not contain nuts in any form (including Nutella) due to severe allergies in school. Children will be provided with a piece of fruit at snack time but you are welcome to send your child with a piece of fruit from home.

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Reception Newsletter *continued*

I'd like to thank all parents for completing the 'All About Me sheets', which I have enjoyed reading. If you have yet to fill one in with your child, then we ask for it to be handed in by Friday 18th September. If you have misplaced the sheet, then let us know.

Our PE time is Friday morning (girls may prefer to not wear tights on these days if they struggle getting them on themselves). If possible, please could you provide outdoor PE kit as, due to current guidance, we will try to take our PE sessions outdoors whenever possible.

Please do not hesitate to speak to any one of the Reception team if you have any queries or concerns, or alternatively call the office on 01274 569447 or email office@eastmorton.bradford.sch.uk. Please do not visit the school office in person.

I am so excited about the year to come and look forward to working with you.

Miss Goodison and the Reception team

