



Reception Class Newsletter

Autumn Term 1: Wed 2 Sep - Thu 22 Oct



Dear Parents/Carers

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

The Reception class team consists of myself, Miss Barlow, the full-time class teacher along with Miss Feather, Mr Gould and Mrs Prance who will support your child in the classroom. Mrs Petts will also teach Music.

Topic: In 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 characters and making our own Gruffalo crumble! We will then move on to reading 'Tidy', a story about woodland creatures and caring for our world. We will find out how to care for our environment and the habitats of woodland animals. 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' and find out all about Nocturnal animals.



Phonics: We follow Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised to teach phonics. Our phonics teaching begins with teaching phase 2 phonics sounds, children will begin to blend sounds together as they start to read. More information on how we teach phonics will be provided at the *phonics evening for parents* later in the half term. We will send flashcards home for children to practise their recognition of phase 2 phonics sounds.

Maths: In Maths we follow White Rose Maths Scheme. This half term we will be focusing on comparing objects, making simple patterns, looking at numbers 1, 2, 3 through representation and composition, We finally look at shapes, describing them and using shapes to make pictures.



Muddy Monday : Every Monday afternoon, we have a Muddy Monday session. We plan activities for the children to explore and immerse themselves in our outdoor environment. We use nature to build on our knowledge and understanding of the world around us. Children will need **wellies and waterproofs** in school for these sessions and also for learning in outdoor provision.

Reminders:

Please write your child's name in ALL of their school belongings. We only keep lost property for the half term and we cannot guarantee it will get back to you without a name.

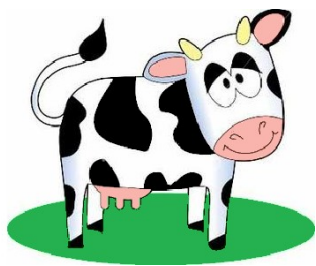
As the weather can be unpredictable, please could you provide your child with a **waterproof coat** each day. All-in-one waterproofs are ideal so the children can benefit from our outdoor provision all year around.

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Please provide your children with a **water bottle with their name on**, ensure they are filled with water only to comply with school policy. If your child is having a packed lunch it must be nut free and contain a healthy range of foods. Children will be provided with a piece of fruit at snack time, you are welcome to send your child with a piece of fruit from home.

We kindly ask that, in the morning' children do not use the playground equipment before coming into school. The reception team work hard each morning to set up lots of exciting activities/areas for the children to explore during the day. However , some of our provision can be moved or disturbed before the children have had the chance to explore and enjoy activities. The reception team appreciate your help in keeping our playground and activities ready for the children to enjoy throughout the school day.



Milk is provided free to children up until the Friday before they turn 5 (unless they are in receipt of income-based free school meals allowance). If your child is already 5 or is due to turn 5 soon, you will need to order milk through **www.coolmilk.com** if your child would like to receive it in an afternoon. If you register your child in advance, they will send you a reminder as your child approaches their birthday.

I'd like to thank all parents for completing the **All About Me** sheets, I have enjoyed reading them. If you have yet to fill one in with your child, please could we ask you to hand it in by **Friday 11th September**. If you have misplaced the sheet, please let us know.

PE day is Wednesday, children should come to school wearing their PE kit for the whole day. Please keep weather in mind and dress children appropriately. Children will still need a coat on these days and appropriate footwear (black trainers).



I am so excited about the year to come and getting to know your wonderful children! We all look forward to working with you. Do not hesitate to come and speak to any one of the Reception team with queries or concerns.

Miss Barlow and the Reception team