

Reception Class

Autumn Newsletter

Welcome!



Welcome to reception class with Mrs Mitchell (Teacher), Miss McLean (Teacher) and Mrs Ichim (Teaching Assistant). We are very excited to be working with you, and your child, for the year ahead!

Reception is an exciting year for your child as they begin their journey into school life. Some children can understandably feel a little apprehensive about starting school but we'll do our very best to ensure that children, and families, feel as happy and supported as possible.

As your child settles into school, we hope that we can work as a team to support them in all the new things that they will learn. Please do come and speak to a member of staff, with any questions or concerns you may have.

A Typical Day in Reception

Every morning you will be greeted at the door by a member of staff. Children will come into the classroom, hang up their coat and sit in their carpet space for registration.



After registration, we go straight into phonics. The children work in small groups following the Oxford Owl ELS scheme – you'll be amazed at how quickly your child is coming home and reading their book to you at night!

We start off by learning phase 2 sounds so keep an eye out for these in their book bag.

Following phonics, it's time for our daily maths groups. The children will work in small groups developing strong foundations in number through engaging and hands on activities. During the autumn term, we will be focussing on the composition of numbers 1-5, as well as looking at patterns.



Throughout the morning, when not working in their focussed groups, the children have plenty of time to access the extended provision, inside and outside the classroom. During this time, adults are on hand to model, enhance and move the children on with their learning, following their own interests.

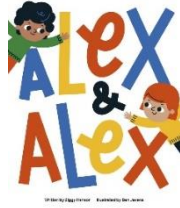
To end the morning, we may have one of our weekly SCARF circle times, a Spanish session, RE or singing.

In the afternoon, it's back to the extended provision and may include a focus task for Expressive Arts and Design or Understanding of the World.

Finally, we will always end the day with a carpet time which may include a story, song or whole class discussion.

Our Autumn Term Book and Topic

This half term our topic is 'All About Me'. The children will have lots of opportunities to learn all about themselves, what makes them unique, and time to share about their families and interests. To support the children with their thinking, our class text is:



We will also be exploring some of the seasonal changes as autumn approaches and would love your support later in the term with our autumn walk to Lenton Park.

Want to have a go at some activities at home?

- Have a go at drawing/ painting/ collaging a picture of your family.
- Can you collect different leaves from the ground? How do they look, feel, sound? Do you know what type of tree they are from? Perhaps you could create some leaf art or a repeating pattern.
- Go on a hunt for some autumnal objects. Can you find a pinecone, conker or acorn?
- Play a phonics game online – www.phonicsplay.com

We love to see photos on Showbie of what you get up to at home!

PE

On Thursdays, we will have our weekly yoga session with the lovely Mrs Keemer.

On Fridays, we will have our weekly PE session following the TLG PE curriculum.

After October half term, we will have a weekly swimming lesson at The Lenton Centre.

Please ensure that your child comes to school every Friday dressed in their Edna G. Olds PE kit –

- a red top with or without the Edna G. Olds logo
- black joggers/ leggings/ shorts
- trainers
- an Edna G.Olds hoody or plain red hoody



These can be purchased from the school office.

Other Reminders

- ✓ Have you purchased a school water bottle?
- ✓ Are you logged in and accessing your child's Showbie account?
- ✓ Are you reading at home every night? This can be you reading to your child or them reading to you.
- ✓ Have you signed your child's reading diary? We love to see 5 comments each week to show that you are reading at home!