

Reception Newsletter

Friday 25th September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

The children have done really well coming into school and are quickly making new friends. It has been a long but exciting week for the children and they will probably be tired this weekend! The children have done really well coming into school independently, at the gate, and we are very proud of them for this. Well done everyone!

We are enjoying getting to know the children and supporting them to learn the school routines and make new friends. Throughout the year, we will plan our topics based on the children's interests and what the next steps in their learning are. Our primary focus is their personal, social, emotional and physical development, as well as their communication and language. Alongside these Prime areas of learning, there are the Specific areas of Literacy, Mathematics, The World and Expressive Arts and Design. This year, as we observe the children and track their progress, we will be able to share this with you via email. More information on this will follow in the next few weeks.

In Reception, we have the 'Happy/Well Done' and 'Sad/Behaviour' books. Your child will bring a slip home to show you if their name has been entered into either book. The 'Happy Book' is used to reward **exceptional** behaviour or work done in class. The 'Sad Book' is used if your child has broken a class or school rule during the day. Your child will be able to explain the reason why their name has been entered into one of these books.

All children will need their PE kits in school ready for their PE lesson on Thursdays. Please make sure that long hair is tied back and no earrings are worn. It is also helpful for girls to wear trousers or skirts/dresses with socks on these days as tights can be tricky!

As part of our math's learning we are introducing children to numbers and looking at where we would see them in our environment. To help with this, please could you send in a picture of their door number or a house name to the school admin email which is:
admin@woodhouse.calderdale.sch.uk.

Each week, we like to include a 'Talking Topic' and a 'Word of the Week' on the weekly newsletter. This may be related to work in school or it may be connected to the children's interests or further learning. We would like you to use the Talking Topic as an opportunity to chat with your child and help encourage good speaking and listening skills.

This week's  is: words that rhyme. E.g. **cat**, pat, sat, hat / **pig**, dig, wig

Following our learning about ourselves, our Word of the Week is: **unique**

Please send your child to school with their reading packet every day. Any letters or forms being sent into school should be put in your child's reading packet and will be taken out by a member of the Reception Team. If your child bumps their head at school you will be informed of this by a red letter in their Reading Packet.

This week you have received a flu vaccination letter for your child. Please could the reply slip be returned to school by Tuesday 29th September.

If you do have any concerns or questions do not hesitate to write these in your child's orange home/school book.

Many thanks,

The Reception team