

Reception Newsletter

Friday 22nd September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

The children have settled into school well this week 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, Understanding 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 their online learning profile on Seesaw.

All children will need their PE kits in school ready for their PE lesson on Wednesdays. 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! PE kits will be sent home for washing at the end of each half term. Please ensure all items of clothing, including shoes and pumps are labelled so they can be easily returned to the right owner if they become mixed up.

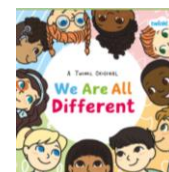
As part of our Enquiry Learning next week, we will be starting our new topic 'All About Me.' We will be talking about who our new friends are and we will be finding out about our different likes and dislikes. Following this, the week after, we will be learning about 'Who are my family and where do I live?' We will be talking about the family that we live with and extended family members before creating our very own family portraits. To help us to prepare for this we would like to ask your child to bring a family photograph to school at the beginning of next week or email a picture to newsletters@woodhouse.calderdale.sch.uk. Please ensure you include your child's name and class.

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 'Talking Topic' is: words that rhyme. e.g. **cat**, pat, sat, hat / **pig**, dig, wig

Following on from the brilliant week the children have had and how confident they have been during their first full week at school, our Word of the Week is: **Bold**

Our class reader this week is: **We are all different.**



Please click on the link below if you would like to share our song that we have been singing with your child this week - Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes.

[Heads, shoulders, knees and toes](#)

Date for your diary –

Reception parents/carers coffee morning on Friday 29th September at 9 - 9:45am. Please arrive via the school's main entrance on Daisy Road.

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.

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

Many thanks,

Miss Mason, Miss Vine, Mrs Rothwell and the Reception team