

Welcome to Reception!

'Meet the Teacher' meeting

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Reception Staff Team

- Mrs Leaney (Monday and Tuesday)
- Miss Clement (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday)
- Mrs Capstack and Miss Cain – Teaching Assistants

The School Day

- 8.45 – classroom door opens
- 8.55 – registration
- 9.00 – assembly
- 9.20 – Phonics followed by small group Phonics activities
- 10.45 – breaktime
- 11.00 – carpet session
- 12.00 - lunchtime
- 1.20 – Phonics review
- 1.25 – carpet session
- 3.00 – storytime
- 3.10 – end of the day
- We keep the daily routine as consistent as possible
- We have a visual timetable in the classroom so the children know what is coming next

Learning around the room & outside

- Throughout the week the children will have many opportunities to learn around the room and outside. These are carefully planned activities and play opportunities to support their development in the seven overarching Areas of Learning. The children will have time to access these activities when they are not in an adult led guided group.
- In the first few weeks we spend a lot of time modelling how to use each area and ensure the children have high standards in looking after our classroom and equipment.

Behaviour Chart

- All children have a named peg and start the day on 'Ready to Learn'. Throughout the day, when a child demonstrates a character muscle (see board) we will ask the child to move their peg up to 'You are a Star'. We keep a record of how many times each child has moved their peg up and when they reach ten times, they can choose a treat from the treasure chest.
- We like to use positive reinforcement as children thrive from praise!
- If a child makes the wrong choice, after a reminder about expectations, they will be asked to move their peg down to 'warning'. They can move their peg back up at any time if they make the right choice and all pegs will be re-set to 'Ready to Learn' for the next day. If the children's behaviour continues, they will move their peg down to 'time out' and have some time to reflect on their behaviour

School dinners/snacks

- All children receive a free school meal until the end of Year 2
- Children choose their lunch with parents before they come into the classroom
- Children are given a coloured band at lunchtime – this indicates which meal they have chosen to ensure they are served the correct meal
- Children are also offered a piece of fruit for their snack in the morning, milk is free until they are 5
- We operate a free-flow snack bar throughout the morning so the children can choose to have their snack when they want it

Maths Challenge

- Children will bring home a weekly Maths Challenge in their Maths Challenge book
- This may reflect what we have been doing in class or consolidate key Maths skills
- It is brought home on a Friday to be completed by the following Thursday
- May be an activity to be completed in their book, a game or an online activity on 'Purple Mash'. The children's Purple Mash log in details are in the front of their Maths Challenge books

Reading books

- Children will read in a group at least twice per week, as well as an individual read at least once per week
- They will have a Monster Phonics book, 'share at home' books and a library book
- Children can change their 'share at home' book as often as they like
- They will change their Monster Phonics and library books once per week
- Please don't put water bottles in the children's bookbags as they often leak and damage the books

Reading raffle

- Reading at home is essential
- Children should read daily, or at least 5 times per week
- Children who have read 5 times within the week will be entered into the reading raffle which is drawn weekly
- We celebrate all children's efforts to read at home, even if they aren't in the reading raffle

PE and Forest School

- PE session – Monday
- PE kit: shorts, t-shirt, jogging bottoms, jumper, pumps, trainers and socks!
- Earrings must be removed – we cannot assist with this
- Please encourage your child to get changed independently and organise their belongings
- Children need their kit in school **all week**
- Forest School sessions – Thursday

Communication

- Miss Clement or Mrs Leaney will be outside every morning – please chat to us if you have a query or concern
- Class email – reception@woodstone.leics.sch.uk (please don't use this to report absences)
- Website – our Reception class page has regular updates about what we have been doing in class
- Letters – these are generally emailed unless there is a slip to be returned
- Text messaging service – we use this for reminders/short messages
- Newsletter – Mr Mullins emails these home once a month

Important dates

- Thursday 7th September – first Forest School session
- Tuesday 12th September – Phonics & Reading meeting
- Wednesday 27th September – Harvest assembly
- Wednesday 4th October – Teddy Bear Hospital (children will need to bring a teddy bear to school)
- Tuesday 10th & Thursday 12th October – Parents' Evening – details to follow
- Friday 1st December – Reception Golden Book assembly

Thank you for your time

- Any questions?