

## **Early Years: Reception**

Welcome to both our new starters and parents, from all of the Reception staff team! We are really looking forward to meeting everyone and getting to know you. The children have already started their year so enthusiastically and we hope this will continue with your support!

As you are aware, we have started the autumn term with a staggered entry. This has helped all children to settle in to a calm atmosphere. From Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September, we will be beginning our daily phonics programme (more information to follow in home activity books).

From Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September, we will begin our topic 'Nursery Rhymes'. We will be singing a number of nursery rhymes so please sing nursery rhymes at home. Children will then be introduced to a nursery rhyme each week as a stimulus for their writing, reading, maths and creative activities. The nursery rhymes we will be focusing on for this term will be 5 Currant buns in a Baker's Shop, Incy Wincy Spider, Miss Polly had a Dolly and Humpty Dumpty. Through these rhymes, the children will learn about the world around them, learn about occupations, bake, and express themselves through art and dance.

Children will be able to visit our bakery role play area to develop their communication and language skills and explore and investigate the world around them. There will be opportunities for the children to use play dough to make their own cakes to sell in the bakery.

We will also begin using Numicon in daily maths sessions. For those of you who may not be familiar with Numicon, it is a practical and very effective tool used to teach the concept of number. As the children become familiar with Numicon in school, we will begin to send home learning activities that involve Numicon. These will be fully explained at the time.

The children are already enjoying learning through play and exploring new areas in the classroom and outside. We have a creative area, play dough and paint station, writing office, computing area and reading corner.

In Early Years, we plan according to the children's interests and enquiries. Therefore, whilst we have an idea of overall themes and objectives, the opportunities for learning could change on a weekly (or even daily!) basis. Please keep up to date by reading our weekly newsletter in home activity books. We also have a wonderful work wall where the children's independent work is displayed. If the children have any wonderful work from home that they would like to share, please bring it into school

Mrs Robb will be teaching our exciting Preston curriculum for the term. This term the children will work as a team. They will learn about what makes an effective

team and the best way to be a good team player. The children are going to be set a Preston Curriculum challenge. Each class is going to be given £20 and the challenge is to work together as a team to increase their £20. The children will need to think carefully about what they would like to buy with their £20 and how they will increase their money. The class who which makes the most profit will be the winners.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to an Early Years member of staff.

Mrs Foster  
Reception Teacher