



# Ernesettle Community School

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Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Welcome to Reception

We hope you've had an enjoyable summer holiday and feel excited for the academic year ahead. Each term, we send you a letter to share with you what your child will be learning about in each subject. Next term, Reception will begin their 'It Starts With Me' area of study where they will find out what makes them and their new class friends unique. They will look at the similarities and differences between themselves and how that makes them special.



In **Reception**, we'll be learning to:

- Follow the rules in our new classroom and school, including lunchtimes and learning outside
- Make new friends and understand how to play together nicely
- Share and take turns using the resources in our classroom, both inside and outside
- Do the buttons and zips up on our school uniform and coats
- Get changed for PE independently
- Communicate in an age appropriate way with our friends about our learning and our interests

At the end of this term, the children will use their knowledge to answer our enquiry question: **Are we all the same?**

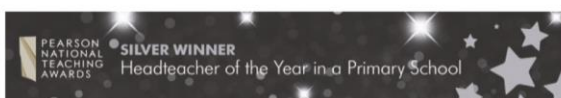
In **Literacy**, the children will learn how to write the letters in their name as well as recognise initial sounds in simple words. We shall learn to blend and segment orally before moving onto writing simple words. We will then begin to write lists and also continue rhyming strings. The children will learn new sounds and tricky words on a daily basis.

In **Maths**, the children will begin looking at numbers up to 10. We shall learn to recognise, write and order numbers as well as develop our early counting skills. We will also look at patterns and shapes within our environments.

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## Learning at Home



In Reception, the Home Learning expectations include reading at least three times a week. In the first instance, your child will take home wordless picture books. These are valuable tools for literacy development as they engage children, regardless of reading level, in prediction, critical thinking, meaning making and storytelling. This will change throughout the course of the year as your child's phonetic skills develop. Children will be expected to practise their handwriting and letter formation each week. Please remind your child that we write in a left to right direction, just like reading. Our weekly newsletter will highlight new and exciting activities that you can try to practise letter formation at home. In addition, children will need to complete

**one Curriculum task from their Home Learning Menu** which will be uploaded to Tapestry.

## School Day Arrangement Update

- Reception may arrive at school between 8:30 – 8:55am. They can access the school through their external classroom doors. Unfortunately, Parents/Carers will be unable to stay for Early Morning Learning due to the increase in cases of Covid-19 in the Southwest. We will keep up to date with current situation and watch how things progress closely, until we are confident that we can welcome Parents/Carers back into site safely.
- Year R will be collected from the same location between 3:05pm and 3:10pm.

PE this term will be on a **Tuesday** for **RKT** and on a **Friday** for **RMR and REW**. Lots of the sessions will take place outdoors so please ensure your child has appropriate PE kit and a water bottle should the weather be cold/wet or sunny/warm please. Children will get changed into their PE kits in school as this is an important skill for our Reception children to learn.

We really look forward to seeing you and your children on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

Best wishes,

Miss. K. Terry, Miss. M. Rattle and Miss. E. Willbourn

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