



Foundation Stage 2 (Reception) parents information for Autumn 1

Welcome to Reception at Harpfield Primary Academy!!



We are very excited to welcome your child to our Reception class and look forward to enjoying our first term together. We want to make sure that they make a great start to their time in Foundation Stage 2, so if you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to speak to a member of the team. We are all looking forward to a fun filled half term of getting to know your child and starting their learning journey.

Evidence Me

Evidence Me is our secure online learning journal which we use to record observations of children's learning and development, the new children will be added onto this platform and if you have provided an email address you will receive an email with login details. If you have not provided an e-mail address for Evidence Me then please speak to a member of our team.

Class Dojo

Class dojo will be used as a way of sharing information with you. You may message staff directly using this within the school day but please be cautious that messages may not be answered during teaching hours. We will also add a series of home learning challenges for you to complete at home with your child on here. You should complete one task each week and add your work/photographs of this as a portfolio to your child's Class Dojo page for our team to mark and reward.

The Outdoors/Spare Clothes

Please remember the Foundation Stage curriculum is an indoor and outdoor learning experience and ensure your child has weather appropriate clothing and footwear, and a spare change of clearly labelled clothes at school (just in case the children get dirty or they have an accident). The spare clothes can be kept at school in a rucksack and we can hang these up on the children's pegs.

Forest School

Each Monday afternoon every child will be given the opportunity to join in our exciting 'Forest Schools' activity sessions which take place in our school fields on site. Please make sure that your child has named wellies in school so that they can take part. We will be completing activities such as den building, nature watching, digging and mud-pie making.

PE/Water bottles

Reception will have their PE hall slot on a Tuesday morning each week. Please ensure that your child comes to school in their PE kit (Pale blue/white t shirt and navy shorts with trainers) on this day. They may wear jogging bottoms on top of their PE kit (navy coloured please) and a plain navy blue or black hoodie/ school jumper to go over the top. Please remember to label all clothing that is sent to school. **Earrings must be removed for your child to take part in PE sessions;** if your child cannot remove their own earrings school staff cannot do it for them. We would advise no jewellery to be worn to school on any day.

Please make sure that children have access to their own water bottle which is also clearly named.

Reading

All children will be sent home with a reading book and a reading record diary and a book that they have chosen to share with you from our class collection. Please ensure that these are sent to school every day as your child will read with an adult at least once per week. We would also appreciate you completing the diary when you have listened to your child read at home so that we can easily check how many times per week a child has read at home.



Our Learning themes this half term will be based around a range of Roger Hargreaves books as we explore the characteristics of effective learning from the Early Years curriculum. We will explore a variety of emotions and 'all about me'.



In literacy we will look at what an author and an illustrator are, what their jobs are and work on our pencil control, letter formation and recap our Set 1 learning of Read, Write, Inc sounds.

In maths, we continue to develop our learning of matching, sorting and comparing. We will talk about measure and patterns and explore the number knowledge of 1 2 and 3.

In our PE unit, we will be introduced to Physical Education and structured movement through the topic of 'everyday life'. we will spend time learning basic principles of a PE lesson such as safely using space, stopping safely, using and sharing equipment and working individually, with a partner and group. We will take part in activities which will develop fundamental movement skills such as running, jumping and skipping. We will also play simple games and begin to understand and use rules.

Our artist this half term will be Andy Warhol and we will recreate in a pop art style over the weeks.

Our RE learning looks at the theme 'what makes people special?' as we explore the significant people in our lives.

As we continue to develop our speech and language, please encourage us to speak in extended and clear sentences.

Thank you for your support.

If you have any concerns or questions then please ask.

Ms Ahmed and Miss Perry :)