



Reception Autumn 1 Newsletter

Welcome to 2025- 26!

We hope you have had a wonderful holiday and are ready for an action packed year!

We would like to welcome all our new children, parents and carers to the Gainsborough family. We look forward to getting to know you all more and a term full of exciting learning!

Adults in Reception:

Miss Anderson

Miss Loko

Miss Colbert

The EYFS Curriculum

There are 7 areas of the EYFS curriculum which we cover in our indoor and outdoor provision. These areas are:

Prime Areas

- Communication and Language
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Physical Development

Specific Areas

- Literacy (writing/reading)
- Maths
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

Key dates for your diary:

Monday 8th September- Nursery and Reception classes reopen

Friday 3rd October- Reception Family Friday

Friday 17th October- Reception Family Friday

Friday 24th October 3.30pm - BHM celebration

October half term 27th October- 31st October EYFS and Years 1 -6 Closure

Monday 3rd November INSET DAY Preschool, EYFS and Years 1-6

Tuesday 4th November- School reopens Preschool, EYFS and Years 1-6





Our learning will be centred around **'All about me'**, **'My community'** and **'Seasons'** this half term.



PE Kits

Class PE Day: **Wednesday**

Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing their PE kit on **Wednesdays**.

Reading	Writing
<p>We will begin teaching reading through Read Write Inc. phonics (RWI) from Monday 15th September. Children will learn a new sound each day, starting with the letters of the alphabet in order of the most common letters first (m a s d t ...) Children will be given two books to take home, one which matches their phonics level and a book to read for pleasure.</p> <p>The best support you can provide is to read daily with your child. Our homework will also link to RWI Phonics</p> 	<p>In Reception we use lots of talk, discussions, role play and drama to create fantastic writing opportunities. Our core texts for this term are:</p> <p>Elmer Ruby's worry Tree</p> <p>We will have mark making opportunities in different areas of the provision. We will explore using different tools to make marks and begin to give meaning to them.</p> 
Maths	Forest School
<p>In Reception, children will have the opportunity to use their mathematical thinking in all areas of the provision. For example, children will be using measuring tapes in the construction area to measure their models.</p> <p>Children will be focusing on mastering numbers up to 10; more and less and matching 10 frames.</p> 	<p>Forest School is a fantastic opportunity to learn outdoors. Children will need to come to school in suitable clothing as we learn the skills needed to be safe and successful at Forest School.</p> <p>Forest School will take place from week beginning: 15th September.</p> <p>Children will need wellington boots and puddle suits, our sessions will be every Thursday 10-11:45.</p> 
Tapestry	Family Fridays

We will be using Tapestry, an online journal to document what your child's learning in class.

In order to view your child's journal you will be invited via a school letter. You will need to download the family app to your phone (giving you access to your child's learning journal) and choose to be notified when new content is added. **If your child has attended our Nursery provision, you will already have access to Tapestry.**



We would like to invite you into our class to do activities with your child from 8:45-9:30am every other Friday.

Our Family Friday dates for Reception are:

Friday 3rd October- All about ME!

Friday 17th October- Pet themed activities!

Junk modelling and loose parts

We use a lot of resources in our play to provoke imagination and we would appreciate your help with recycling items for our junk modeling sessions, such as: water bottles, cardboard boxes, or any loose part items such as lids, corks, pinecones, pebbles and shells.

Useful information

- Water bottles: Children do not need to bring a water bottle to school as we provide individual bottles in class.
- Label uniforms and spare clothes: Please provide a spare change of clothes for your child and label the uniforms.
- Clubs
 - **Breakfast clubs 8.00-8.45**
 - **After school clubs 3.45-5.00**
 - **Playcentre 5.00-6.00**

Please come and speak with us if you have any questions or concerns and we look forward to working with you all.

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