



QUEENSWAY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Reception

We are writing to introduce the Reception team, give you important information necessary for the first few weeks of term and explain about our topics.

Meet the team

Owl Class:



Mrs Guntrip
Class Teacher



Mrs Morgan
Teaching Assistant



Mrs Hale
Teaching Assistant



Mrs Thorpe
PPA cover for both classes.

Dove Class:



Mrs Pile (Mon, Tues, Weds)
Class Teacher



Mrs Tyler (Thurs, Fri)
Class Teacher



Mrs Targett
Teaching Assistant



Mrs Walker
Teaching Assistant

PE days

Our regular PE slot will be on a Monday morning, which we will aim to begin in a few weeks when the children have settled in. In Term 1 the children will not be changing for PE so will therefore not require a PE kit yet.

Forest School

We are very lucky to be starting forest school in Reception this year. The forest school itself will be on the school grounds and will be led by Mrs Bytchi. She is a very experienced and passionate forest school teacher and we know that our children are going to have the most amazing time. The school will provide suitable overalls for the children to be wearing for the duration of their forest school lessons, but we do ask that you please provide them with a set of named wellies to put on when we go into our designated area. Forest schools will be on a Friday as the classes will split as follows:

Terms 1-3 will be Mrs Guntrip's class
Term 4-6 will be Mrs Pile and Mrs Tyler's class.

As well as forest school, you will appreciate that when the weather changes, our outside area will become quite muddy/wet therefore we will encourage the children to wear wellies when they are learning outside, so even if your child is not taking part in forest school initially, they will need wellies in school anyway. We will go outside in all weathers so please ensure that children have a good waterproof coat in wet weather.

Spare Clothes

It would be really useful if every child has a spare set of clothes especially underwear in school just in case! Please make sure that these clothes are also clearly named.

Topic

This term our topic is 'All about me'. Please visit our Google classroom via the school website to find the full knowledge organiser that we have created for this topic, outlining exactly what your child will be learning.

Reading with your child at home

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the importance of reading with your child every day and sharing books together not just hearing them read. Talking about the books you share will really help them develop a love of reading and important early reading skills.

Homework

Children will be bringing home reading books a few weeks into Term 1 which will begin with a picture book for you to share together and move on to phonics books for them to read to you. They will be given a reading diary and it would be really useful if you could put the date and sign your name to show when you have read with them. Children will also receive one piece of Maths and one piece of Phonics homework every Friday in a named plastic wallet. These are to be completed and sent into school by the following Thursday via Evidence Me.

Evidence Me

Evidence Me is used in school to take photographs and collect evidence of your child's learning. We are very excited to have a parent share option. The 'Parent Share' feature enables you to view your child's reports and photographs via the app or web suite, showing you what your child has been learning and the new skills they are developing. You can send us your comments and feedback by simply adding them to the observations. This will help our staff to support your child even more effectively in the classroom.

You can also take an active role in contributing to your child's observation portfolio by uploading your own observations, simply add these to the app or web suite.

You have previously given us your email details and we will use this to create your log in. You will be able to use this log in if you download the app or go onto the web suite online. We will send more details out about this shortly.

Term start:

Unfortunately, parents will not be able to come into school with their children, but a member of the team will welcome them at the door where they will wave goodbye.

If you have any questions about any of the above, please talk to staff either in the morning when you arrive with your child or after school.

Best wishes

Mrs Guntrip, Mrs Pile and Mrs Tyler
Class Teachers