

RECEPTION CLASSES NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN 2019



Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to welcome you and your child to Reception and the start of their school career at Adamsrill Primary. Here is some information, which we hope will be helpful to you and your child while they are in Reception and information on activities for the autumn term.

Physical Education

Children will have two hours of Physical Education a week. The P.E. kit consists of navy shorts, white T-shirt and black plimsolls. Please make sure each item is clearly labelled. P.E. kits should be kept in a named stringed bag on your child's peg, which is in their class, and taken home at the end of each half term.

Reading Days

You will change your child's book on a weekly basis. Please note the day your child will have their book changed. This will also be their reading day. Should you wish to change the books more frequently please ask the class teacher. Your child will come home with the sounds we have been learning in school. Please help your child to learn these sounds as this will help your child to progress with their reading and writing. A reading workshop will be held during the term to give you advice on how you can support your child with their learning of phonics and reading. We will also be introducing you to Oxford Reading Buddies, which will allow children to access and enjoy books at home online. We will issue individual user names and logins, which can be used to access the program on desktops, tablets and phones.

We will be inviting you to a weekly reading morning on a Thursday, which will start after half term. It is an informal reading session, which starts at 8:55am and ends at 9.20am. Please make every effort to stay for this as the children enjoy having parents in school once a week.

Curriculum Topic

We follow the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum, which encompasses seven areas of learning. These are Personal Social and Emotional Development, Physical Development, Communication and Language, Literacy, Mathematics, Knowledge and Understanding the World and Expressive Arts and Design. This half term our

topics are 'All About Me' and 'Starting School'. We will be reading and doing activities based upon the following books: 'The Owl Babies' by Martin Waddell, 'Each Peach Pear Plum' by Janet and Allan Ahlberg 'Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs' by Ian Whybrow, 'Have You Filled a Bucket Today?' by Carol McCloud and 'How Do You Feel' by Anthony Browne. Please support your child by discussing vocabulary related to these topics. We teach phonics using Read Write Inc. and we use the Oxford Reading Tree series of books as our reading scheme. Children sing songs to reinforce what they have been learning across the curriculum and they have a dedicated music session twice a week.



Sydenham Library Trips

Later in the year, the children will be visiting Sydenham Library on a three weekly cycle. This trip is roughly one hour long. We welcome volunteers to accompany us on these trips and if you are able to volunteer please let your child's class teacher know. Until then we will be visiting our school's Learning Lounge to teach the children how to use a library, how to find and take care of books and helping them use and understand books.

Wow! Notes

Parental voice is an important part of assessment. Please complete a 'Wow note' with a comment on how your child is getting on at home. Anything can go on a 'Wow note' for example, if your child has learnt to ride a bike or helped set the table or anything that makes you say 'Wow! I didn't know you could do that!' This could be related to social events or events about the environment etc.

Lunchtime and Snack Arrangements

We ask that your child's lunch choice be confirmed as being either packed lunch or school lunch for the duration of the term. Please note that this is a nut free school and that water only is to be included in packed lunches. Milk, water and fruit are provided in your child's classroom throughout the day.

We look forward to working with your children.

Mrs A Wray and Mrs K Sharifee



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