



Half Termly News: Reception

Year group - Reception	Term - Autumn 1	School Value - Empathy
Reception News	Reminders	School Diary
Welcome to the new school year and especially to those of you who are new to the school. In Reception we use Class Dojo as our learning journal. An information letter on how to sign up to Class Dojo will follow shortly.	Reading books will be changed every Tuesday and Friday. PE kit (plain white tshirt, black shorts/joggers and trainers/plimsolls) are needed in class everyday. Our PE day is a Thursday. Please ensure that all items are labelled.	2/9/26 - Children return 7-11/9/26 - Author and British Values week 22/9/26 - School tour 9.30 28/9/26 - School photos 1/10/26 - Poetry Day 5-9/10/26 - Harvest Week 9/10/26 - Global Friday 2/10/26 - Books and Biscuits 16/10/26 - School tour 9.30 21-22/10/26 - Parent Consultations 23/10/26 - Non-uniform and break up at 3.15pm for half term
Trips and events	Rewards used	Homework and projects
8/10/26 - Phonics workshop	Headteacher awards Stickers Star of the Week award- class bear sent home for the weekend Attendance wheel Marble jar treat	Daily reading Weekly challenge tasks on ClassDojo
Subject	Key Learning and vocabulary	
Phonics Talk for writing Maths	Phase 2- s, a, t, p, i, n, m, d, g, o, c, k, ck, e, u, r Children will learn to read and write words and captions containing these phonemes. Owl babies, All of Me poem and Parts of the Body poem. We will be looking at key times of the day, our class routine, where things belong. Our White Rose Maths topics will be - match, sort & compare, talk about measure and patterns, It's me 1,2,3.	

Personal, Social & Emotional Development PE	Students are guided through 1Decision's Early Years resources by the colourful Rainbow Drop characters. Throughout these resources, the Rainbow Drops will go on many adventures and learn a lot about the wider world that they live in. Fundamental Movement Skills 1 - Walk forwards and backwards, stopping when instructed, negotiate space successfully, run skilfully, work as part of a team, hop on either leg, jump in different ways, pick up, carry and put down with care, use tools to help me manipulate objects, show increasing control over an object, control my emotions when playing games, balance on one leg, move through an obstacle course skilfully, play games fairly.
Child initiated learning	Resources available
Physical development Understanding of the world Expressive art and design	Gross Motor Skills - mirrors and movement cards, large outdoor equipment, parachutes and ribbons, beanbags and soft balls. Fine motor skills - tweezers, tongs and pipettes, playdough and clay tools, threading and weaving resources, a variety of mark making tools. Health & self care - real and toy hygiene tools, fastening items (zips, buttons, laces, buckles, velcro) Hands on & sensory resources - mirrors, magnifying glasses, sensory bins and bottles. Creative & role play resources - multicultural dolls and small world figures, playdough, the home corner. Visuals & technology - family photographs, baby photos vs current photos and tablets. Books - A selection of books to celebrate individuality and community. Art & self-portrait materials - skin tone paints and crayons, collage materials, clay and playdough. Music & sound exploration - percussion instruments and recording devices. Role-play & imaginative play - dressing up clothes, cardboard boxes and building blocks, puppets and small world figures.
Enrichment tasks	Websites phonicsplay.co.uk topmarks.co.uk ictgames.com



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	cosmickids.com Suggested activities Practice dressing and undressing Use a range of equipment at your local park Visit the library
Other Messages	Link to the class information and long term plans https://www.leys.herts.sch.uk/ki-classes-leys.html

