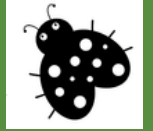




# Reception Newsletter Autumn 1 2023



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## Welcome to the Havannah Family!

Welcome to the start of your child's first year at school! We enjoyed meeting you at the New Starter visits in July and have thoroughly enjoyed meeting and getting to know all of the children this week. The children have settled brilliantly into the Havannah Family! The first few weeks will be spent settling the children into the routines of class and school life and encouraging them to make lots of new friends.

The Reception day is a busy one, filled with an interesting variety of learning activities intended to stimulate the children's interest in the world around them. No two days are ever the same! We aim for children to become independent and self-reliant as quickly as possible and we will support them to establish their new routines. This half term our topic will be 'Magnificent me!' which is a lovely way of getting to know the children. Please find attached the topic overview for this half term.

## Outdoor Learning

As the outdoor environment forms a significant part of the Early Years Curriculum, your child will need a pair of named wellington boots in school. Each child will also need to bring a waterproof coat to school each day as we endeavour to be outdoors come rain or shine! Please also ensure that every item of your child's uniform, including their hats, gloves and coats are clearly named.

## Reception Curriculum Meeting

We would like to invite you to a Reception Parent Curriculum Meeting on Wednesday 27th September at 5pm. We will share information about the Early Years Curriculum and how you can support your child at home, Reception routines and any important dates for your diary.

We are usually available before and after school should you need to speak with us. You can catch us on the door most days or you can contact the office to make an appointment if you need to talk to us privately or at length. Thank you for all of your support already, we have got a fabulous cohort of children and we are looking forward to a really successful and happy year.

## Handwriting

Before a child starts to write it is important that they learn to hold the pencil correctly. It is also important that children learn to form their letters correctly in the early stages. Children should use lower case letters in their writing. We will be sending a letter formation sheet home in the next few weeks with helpful rhymes to support you when helping your child to write.

## PE

P.E lessons will start in the week beginning 18th September. Please ensure that your child has a PE kit in school. Some of our PE sessions may be outdoors, as the colder weather approaches please also ensure PE Kits include extra layers i.e. joggers/fleeces. All of your child's clothes (uniform & P.E) need to be clearly named. Our PE days will be Tuesday and Friday.

