



Welcome to Year R!

Robin/Wrens- Miss Cook



Welcome to Reception!

A very warm welcome to Reception! We are so excited to begin this learning journey with your child and look forward to getting to know your family over the coming year.

Starting school is a big step and we understand that both children and parents may feel excited, nervous, and full of questions. Our aim is to make this transition as happy, positive, and smooth as possible.

Attendance

Regular attendance at school is crucial for a child's development and future success. Please send your child into school even if they have a cough or a cold. If they are too poorly to learn we will call you to collect them.

If your child has an unavoidable appointment during school hours please bring them into school then collect them for the appointment and return them to school.

Reading

Reading is one of the most important things you can do to support your child's learning.

Please spend time sharing books together every day, even if it is only for a few minutes. Talking about the pictures, characters and events in stories helps children develop their language, imagination and love of reading.

As the children begin bringing home reading books, please record any reading you do together in their reading record.

Writing

In Reception, developing strong hands and fingers is an important first step towards writing.

We will provide lots of opportunities for drawing, painting, building, threading and other activities that strengthen fine motor skills.

You can help at home by encouraging your child to:

- Draw and colour.
- Use scissors safely.
- Play with dough.
- Practise writing their name

Most importantly, make writing enjoyable and praise their efforts.

Reminders

-PE kit in a draw string bag in school everyday.
-Spare pair of pants and socks in bookbag.
If your child has frequent accidents please provide another draw string bag with changes of school uniform and underwear.

Independence

One of the most important skills we develop in Reception is independence.

We encourage children to:

- Hang up their own coat.
- Put away their belongings.
- Use the toilet independently.
- Dress and undress themselves for PE and outdoor learning.

You can help by giving your child opportunities to practise these skills at home. Although it may take a little longer, building independence helps children feel confident and successful at school.

Phonics

We will begin teaching phonics shortly after the children have settled into school. Phonics helps children learn the sounds that letters make so they can begin reading and writing. We will share information about the sounds we are learning and ways you can support your child at home throughout the year.

Maths

We will update you on our weekly focus in the newsletter. Mathematics is all around us! There are lots of simple ways to develop your child's mathematical understanding at home:

- Count objects during everyday activities.
- Look for numbers in the environment.
- Talk about shapes you can see around you.
- Compare sizes, lengths and quantities.
- Sing counting songs and rhymes together.

These small experiences help children develop confidence with numbers and mathematical language.