



Reception Autumn Newsletter 2020

September 2020



Welcome to Reception. Our classes are called Juniper and Larch. The class teachers are Mrs Farrow and Mrs Ashwell and the teaching assistants are Mrs Manley, Mrs Poutney. And Mrs Morrissey. We really hope your child enjoys their time with us as we have lots of exciting activities planned. This term's topics will be 'Marvellous Me' and 'Superheroes'. During the coming weeks we will be getting to know each other, learning the rules and exploring our new surroundings.



Your child will have a reading book sent home which we change on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Please spend time reading the book with your child and use the Reading Diary to sign, date and make any comments. At this stage we would not expect your child to be able to read every word. Reading regularly, talking about the pictures and asking them to repeat sentences after you, will help your child's progress in reading. Reading books will be quarantined in school for 72 hours before being given to another child.



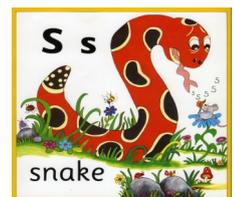
As part of their year in Reception, your child will be given a set of high frequency words for you to practise at home with them. We assess the words weekly and move on when they are able to read the words.



Homework is given out every Friday and needs to be back in for marking the following Thursday. It is so important that this is completed as it reinforces the learning that has been done in school that week. Homework will be need to be quarantined in school for 72 hours before being given back to you. Please keep all marked homework at home. The first set of homework will be sent home on Friday 18th September.



This half term we will be focusing on getting the children attuned to the sounds around them and ready to begin developing oral blending and segmenting skills. Each week we will focus on four initial sounds. We encourage children to only bring items in that begin with the sounds or anything that is topic related. Please ensure they are named.



Tapestry will be up and running shortly. Please ensure that you have returned your signed forms and e-mail addresses to us.





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Other Useful Information

If your child suffers from any medical condition that will affect them in school please contact the school.



P.E. days are Monday and Thursday for Juniper and Tuesday and Friday for Larch. A full P.E. kit should be available at all times. Trainers, plimsolls, long trousers, shorts, a sweatshirt and a t-shirt are required. The t-shirt and sweatshirt should be the colour of the house your child is in. Everything including shoes needs to be clearly named.



All children are offered a piece of fruit for morning snack and a drink of milk after playtime. Please tell us if your child is unable to have milk. Water is readily available throughout the day.



Please ensure that each item of clothing your child brings to school is clearly named and that no labels have faded in the wash. You would be amazed how much lost property we have.



mySchoolApp is a useful source of information should you need to know what is happening in school and when. This is free to download. You can also visit the school website.:

www.cowley.lincs.sch.uk

We can be contacted about homework or non-urgent queries on the emails below. Please be aware that emails are only checked on school days and allow 24/48 hours for a reply. If it is an urgent issue please contact the school office.

juniper.class@cowley.lincs.sch.uk

larch.class@cowley.lincs.sch.uk

Many thanks,

*Mrs Farrow (Early Years Foundation Stage Leader)
and Mrs Ashwell*

