

Reception Autumn Newsletter 2021

September 2021

Welcome to Reception. Our class is called Juniper. I am Mrs Farrow, the class teacher, and my teaching assistant is Mrs Manley. 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 'Terrific Tales'. 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.



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. The first set of homework will be sent home on Friday 17th 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. After half term we will focus on four initial sounds each week. 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. You will receive an email asking you to activate your account.





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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. Absences can be reported on ParentMail or by ringing the school office.



P.E. days are Monday and Thursday. Please ensure your child has their P.E kit in school. It will be sent home at the end of each half term for washing. Trainers, plimsolls, long trousers, shorts, a sweatshirt and a t-shirt are required. All P.E kit should be navy blue and can be bought from Nationwide School Uniforms. Please name everything.



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. If your child wishes to bring their own snack it must be fruit or vegetables.



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.



All correspondence from the school office is via ParentMail. This is free to download. Please ensure you have registered. Contact the school office for details. You can also visit the school website: www.cowley.lincs.sch.uk

I can be contacted about homework or non-urgent queries on the class email 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.

Parent Mail



how Can WE HELP YOU?

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Many thanks,

Mrs Farrow (Early Years Foundation Stage Leader)