

Reception Newsletter

Hello everyone! Happy New Year and we hope you all had a fantastic Christmas break. We also hope you are refreshed and ready for an exciting term ahead!

We would like to let you know that Miss Freeman has welcomed a healthy baby boy to the world and has now started her Maternity leave.

Reception will continue to be taught by Miss McGillivray and supported by Miss Page and Miss Brace.

As always, please feel free to email our class address (dtcyearr@tudhoecolliery.co.uk) or ring Miss McGillivray via the office number (01388 814 399).

Clothing

We aim to keep the children as active as possible during break and lunch times and therefore all children will need to wear practical footwear for school. Please ensure clothing and footwear are named.



PE

Children will be required to come into school dressed in their PE kit on a **Thursday**. If your child wears earrings, they will need to be removed by your child, removed before school, or tape can be provided for the PE session.



Outdoor Area

We are very lucky to have our own outdoor play area, which we will use every day. Please ensure your child brings a warm coat and named hats, gloves and scarves for the cold weather.



Fruit and Water

As part of the National Fruit Scheme, EYFS and Key Stage 1 children receive fruit daily. Children can also bring in one other healthy snack from home e.g. a cereal bar or fruit. Please tell a member of staff if your child has any allergies. Reception are prompted to drink water whenever they wish. Therefore, it is important that all children bring a water bottle to school everyday.

Brush Bus

Reception will continue to be members of the Brush Bus scheme. The children independently brush their teeth for 2 minutes at school daily. Please see the link to the song the children use to support them whilst brushing their teeth. It has been a big hit in class!



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HjnAv-6LsWA>

Milk

As part of the Cool Milk scheme, children are entitled to free milk when they are under 5 years old. If your child has turned 5 and has previously received milk, please see the Cool Milk website for further details on how your child can continue to receive milk in school.



<https://www.coolmilk.com/>

Homework

The children are loving picking their Dream Read Books on a Friday and they love telling us all about them! Please ensure your child returns their Dream Read book and phonics book every Friday so that they can swap them for a new book. If the children read their school books four times each week, they will receive stickers on their chart to earn a book to keep forever at the end of the term!



Self-help skills

Self-help skills are a huge part of the EYFS curriculum. Please continue to prompt your child's independence with the following skills:

- * Zipping up their coat
- * Washing their hands for 20 seconds
- * Using their knife and fork correctly
- * Getting dressed
- * Toileting

Our wonderful day

- 8:40am-9:00am-Registration and Time to Talk
- 9:00am-9:50am-Phonics and Reading (Read, Write, Inc.)
- 9:50-10:30am-Writing and choosing time
- 10:30am-10:40am- Toileting and handwashing
- 10:40am-10:55am-Whole school assembly
- 10:55am-11:10am- Break time
- 11:15am-12:15am- Maths and choosing time
- 12:15pm-12:30pm Toileting and Handwashing
- 12:30pm-1:30pm- Lunch and break time
- 1:30pm-1:45pm-Registration and speedy phonics lesson
- 1:45pm-3:15pm-Time to Talk, Curriculum (Topic, Art, PE, Science etc.) and choosing time
- 3:15pm-3:30pm-Story time
- 3:30pm-Home time

Topics

Our next topic is 'England'. We will explore England on a map and be able to identify the England Flag. We will learn about the Royal Family and talk about our own family by comparing old and new photos of ourselves and our family members. Further activities will stem from the children's interests. We will also be exploring the season of spring and comparing it to our work on autumn.



Star of the week

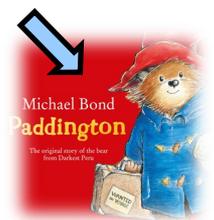


Pete the Penguin has had such a great first term with Reception! He has been to McGillyvary's home over the Christmas break! Remember to keep working hard and Pete might choose you to go home with on a Friday afternoon!



This is our next class story and where possible, we will be basing learning activities around this book.

The story will take us on Paddington's adventures around England!



If you ever have any questions, queries or concerns please do not hesitate to get in touch with us at school. We can make appointments before or after school. If we need to give you any further information, we will send an additional letter or Parent Mail.



Thank you for your support.