

Reception Newsletter

Our School Rules

Be safe. Be kind.



Be responsible.



Welcome to White Hall!

The children have settled brilliantly having a full four day week in school and getting used to their new environment. They have been learning basic class routines, making new friends through play and some have even tried school dinners!

In November we shall be having a Termly Learning Conference, which will be a 10 minute dialogue with the teacher about how your child is getting on so far. The appointments will be made in the coming weeks. Please remember to check the Reception news board (outside the building, opposite Year 1 classrooms) for regular updates, notices or events. If you have any concerns, please see the class teacher or make an after-school appointment for a longer discussion.

Important dates

Every Thursday – Tuck Shop 25p

Friday 22nd September - 'Dress Like A Pirate' day, £1 per child

Monday 2nd – Reception photos

Tuesday 17th October –
Phonological Awareness &
Emergent Writing workshop 1:30-
2:45

22nd – 27th October HALF-TERM

Our learning this half term

LET'S PLAY!

This topic will help us to settle in by looking at our favourite thing to do – play! It gives us an opportunity to build relationships, learn rules and routines, know how to keep safe and look after one another. We have some special days and workshops coming up too!

Maths – we will be learning how to sort objects, match equal and unequal sets of objects, compare sets and sizes, and order sizes to length and height. Then we will practise reading numbers and matching them to their amount.

Writing – we will be practising our fine and gross motor skills with various activities to get us ready for writing. Additionally, we will be learning to tell stories and act them out, plus have a daily story time session.

Phonics – we shall be listening for familiar sounds that we can hear in our environment. We will also practise rhythm and rhyme with books and Nursery rhymes, before we sound out words we can hear.

Termly Donations

Messy play covers many aspects of our EYFS curriculum and is used most often! A £4 donation is kindly accepted to help cover the costs of this provision.

In other news...

Independence

As part of the Early Years ethos, over this term we aim to enable each child to develop their independence. Ways in which you can help are:

- Encouraging them to use cutlery (knife and fork for main, spoon for dessert) at home.
- Beginning to dress themselves, e.g. take on and off a coat and/or jumper.
- Handing over your child at the classroom door to settle themselves.

Ideas you can explore at home

- Look at environmental print (logos and signs) in the home and outside, i.e. McDonald's sign, Tesco, Clacton Pier, etc.
- Practise name writing and name recognition.
- Sort items into categories, e.g. matching socks, clothes into colours.
- Talk about healthy eating and living, encouraging brushing teeth, drinking and eating healthy drinks and snacks, balanced diets etc.
- Practise recognising numbers 0-10 and matching objects to the numeral.
- Reading stories together and talking about what happens next and how the characters feel.
- Play games to encourage turn taking and sharing.

Allergens

We would politely like to remind you that we are a **nut free school** and there are children within our cohort with nut allergies. Please refrain from sending in foods that contain nuts or nut traces.

Drinks

Luckily we are clinging onto summer with hot weather at the moment. Please supply **water** in a **named water bottle** for children to drink throughout the day. They will be encouraged to drink and go to the toilet frequently. No fruit shoots, energy drinks or pure juice please.

Sweets

As a healthy school we do not permit children to bring sweets in lunch boxes or pockets.

Messy Play

Children will always take part in messy play as part of our Early Years curriculum. It engages the children to use their senses to work their bodies to help with writing, plus encourage good communication skills and build their vocabulary.

Children are encouraged to wear aprons, but may come home a little dirty to show they've participated in purposeful play.