



HILL HOUSE SCHOOL

RS/CW

6 September 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian

Reception Michaelmas Term Curriculum Overview

Welcome to Reception and to what we hope will prove to be an exciting and action packed term.

During the first week we will be settling the children into their new environment. We will be getting the children used to the daily routines and helping them to become independent when carrying out these tasks.

Once the children are settled, the children will be working on hearing and recognising initial sounds and take part in activities based around story and rhyme. In the afternoon, we will be looking at different body parts and their functions. We will then move onto our topic 'Food'. We will be learning about the origin and uses of some foods, discussing healthy eating and using our senses to explore what different foods smell, feel and taste like.

After half term we will be looking at signs of autumn and the children will be enjoying Autumn walks to develop their Literacy skills. We will then move onto winter and different festivals when the children will learn about our own and other cultures, leading up to Christmas and The Nativity. In the afternoon, we will be looking at different materials and their properties. We will become scientists and carry out a variety of experiments to see what happens when we melt different substances and find out what happens when we mix water with different materials such as sand or cornflour.

At first, we will be concentrating on developing basic reading, writing and numeracy skills but by the end of this term we hope that children in Reception will be able to:

- Recognise initial letter sounds,
- Hold their pencil correctly,
- Begin to write letters using the correct letter formation,
- Recognise the first set of flashcards,
- Be able to continue a rhyming string,
- Count and represent quantities to five,
- Sort objects into groups based upon their own categories,
- Understand the terms more and less when comparing numbers,
- Order important times in their day and use positional language to describe events happening,
- Use familiar objects and common shapes to create and recreate patterns and build models.

On Monday 16 September, we will be sending home a picture book and flashcards, which are attached to a Reading Record. Reading books with a text will be sent home when your child can recognise most of the first set of keywords. Please use the Reading Record as a two way communication between school and home. We encourage parents to write in it when your child has practised their flashcards or read their book and to record any observations which you have made.

Inside their Reading Record is a timetable showing when we have specialist subjects. Our Games Lesson is on Thursday mornings. Your child will need to arrive at school in full Games kit. Please send their school uniform to change into after the Games lesson.

We have a Celebrations Assembly on Wednesdays when any certificates or medals achieved out of school can be brought into school so the children can share their achievements with their friends.

We have a very busy term ahead and all the main events are listed below.

- Curriculum Evening – Tuesday 10 September
- Parents' Evening – Thursday 26 September
- Trip to The Rainbow Factory Wednesday 13 November
- Harvest Festival – Tuesday 15 October Trip
- The Rainbow Factory Wednesday 13 November
- Children in Need – Friday 15 November
- Nativity - Tuesday 3 December and Wednesday 4 December
- Friends Winter Disco – Friday 6 December
- Christmas Party - Thursday 12 December

Please ensure that your child brings two healthy snacks daily and a water bottle for throughout the day.

We hope that the children will tell you what we have been doing, but we know that not all children do so please feel free to come in and look around our rooms after school. For parents who are not aware, the school has an EYFS Twitter feed which we feel is very important for you to share moments of your child's time with us. (You can find us on @DoncasterEYFS) Please remember to check the school website every Friday for any letters that involve your child.

Finally, remember we are always available at 3.45pm so if you have any worries, no matter how small, do not hesitate to ask!

Yours faithfully

Mrs Scott-Simons
Reception Teachers

Mrs C Wilkinson