



### Uniform, PE kits and Water bottles:

We expect the children to be in full school uniform at all times.

In reception, our PE day is: **Wednesday**. Every Wednesday children are to wear black, dark grey or navy jogging bottoms; a plain white top; their school jumper/cardigan and a pair of trainers. In addition to this, we kindly ask that earrings are removed and long hair is tied up on this day. Our PE lessons will start on Wednesday 15th September.

Every child needs to bring a regular-sized water bottle into school to ensure they stay hydrated all day. Water bottles are kept in the classroom and they must contain water only.

[We urge you to take the time to label all of child's personal belongings, including water bottles, as this will minimise lost items.](#)

### Show and Tell:

We believe that Show and Tell sessions allow our children to develop their oracy skills and self-confidence. Every child will be allocated a Show and Tell session for this term and a timetable will be sent out to you over the next few weeks. We strongly encourage everyone to participate in this as it is always lovely to see photographs, achievements and special items. We politely ask that the children do not bring in toys for this.

### Home Learning:

Home learning will be provided every Friday. Once we start our home reading system, reading books will also be changed on Fridays. Please can you ensure that reading books come into school every day, so that we can read with your child.

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**We're part of a community.**

**Our strength is our diversity...**

**All are welcome here.**



**Reception**

**Autumn Term**

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Welcome to Reception! This is a very exciting year for your child as they start full time education and begin their journey at Olive Hill. We hope you and your child have had a relaxing and fun summer holiday. Reception is bursting with exciting and new learning opportunities, therefore it is really important that your child is in school and on time every day to enable them to access the full curriculum. We look forward to getting to know your children better and working in partnership with you.

#### **Reception Team:**

Mrs Shinner (Willow Class Teacher and Assistant Headteacher)

Mrs Parker (Willow Class Teacher)

Miss Mullard (Beech Class Teacher)

Miss Clarke (Higher Level Teaching Assistant)

Mrs Mariott (Teaching Assistant)

Mrs Parker (Teaching Assistant)

Miss Klay (Teaching Assistant)

Mrs White (Phase 1 Lead)

#### **Our Learning Experience:**

The theme for our Autumn term learning experience is 'Celebrations'. This will allow the children to speak about themselves and their families and we will explore the things that make them unique and valuable individuals. We will continue to discover similarities and differences through learning about a range of cultural and religious celebrations and festivals. This will enable us to answer our big question: 'What do people celebrate?'

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#### **English:**

This term, we will be focusing on developing fine motor skills through a variety of resources including 'Dough Disco'. We will be focussing on developing the children's phonic skills to enable them to blend sounds for reading, and segment words for spelling with some single letter sounds. It is important to us that children develop a love of reading and we will be encouraging that through the use of high-quality texts and daily storytelling.

#### **Maths:**

In Maths, we will practise counting accurately, recognising numerals and comparing the value of numbers 0-10. We will be naming and describing shapes and developing our mathematical vocabulary of time and size.

#### **Understanding the World:**

We will be exploring different occupations through the use of our role play area. We will encourage the children to talk about their rights as a child as well as the character values of kindness, gratitude and courtesy. Your child will also be exploring the world around them and noticing changes.

#### **Expressive Arts and Design:**

The children will practise different techniques to make marks, draw and paint and will have the opportunity to use different media and materials.

#### **Prime Areas:**

The children will continue to develop the prime areas of personal, social and emotional development, communication and language and physical development through their play and taught sessions. We will be focusing on making new friends and developing social skills such as turn taking, sharing and reciprocal conversations.

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