



Welcome to Reception Autumn 2020



Welcome to Reception - We have had a wonderful first full week back and we are so proud of how well the children and parents have coped with the new arrangements. The children have been an absolute credit to you all and have separated from you amazingly and we want to thank you for helping with this process. We are really looking forward to getting to know your children. Mrs Caine will be teaching the class from Monday-Thursday and Mrs Seager on a Friday. Our teaching assistants Mrs Mear, Mrs Cooke, Mrs Williams and Mrs Powell will be in every day. Please if you have any worries, talk to us and we will do all we can to help.

READING

We have decided that the children in Reception will now take one reading book home each week, another one will be in class for them to read. Please can we stress the importance of sharing these books with your child on a daily basis, just five minutes at the end of the day will really help. To begin with, your child will have picture books which we would like you to make up stories with your child, encouraging them to talk in sentences and really developing their vocabulary. You can do this with any books they have at home without them having to read the words. The book will be sent home on a **Friday**. They need to be returned on the following **Friday** - please do not send them in to school on any other day.

There is a lovely selection of free ebooks at <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/> I have created a class login for you (click on 'My Class Login' at the top of the screen).

Username: Mrs Caine/Mrs Seager Password: Woodpecker



P.E KIT, SWEATSHIRTS and WATER.

Please make sure your child's P.E kit is named and in school on **WEDNESDAY morning** ready for our lesson on Wednesday. Your child will come home wearing their kit on Wednesday afternoon with their uniform in their school P.E. bag; please could you make sure their kit is washed and back in school the following week. PE kits can not be in school any other day. Each child is allowed to bring a bottle of water (with a lid on!!) to drink throughout the day. It would also be appreciated if all their school clothes could be named as this will save many arguments after playtime and P.E!

SCHOOL WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK

We now have a very successful school website which is a great place for parents to find information about the school and upcoming events and it is also a valuable resource full of links to educational games and activities for the children.

We will regularly update our reception class page on facebook with photos and comments about what your child has been doing in school as well as posting information about topics we are covering. Please follow our reception class page to keep updated with this.

FOREST SCHOOL

We will be starting our forest school sessions on our school site whilst we wait for approval from the forestry commission to go back to Mortimer Forest. This session will be starting next **MONDAY 14th SEPTEMBER**. Please see the attached letter which will give you all the information you need.

AUTUMN TERM TOPICS

This half term our main topic is 'All About Me' and we are looking forward to finding out lots about your children.

Thank You

Jenna Caine and Emma Seager



