

Reception Autumn Term

A huge warm welcome to you and your family at St Laurence Primary School and to our Reception Class. It has been lovely to meet you all and we are very excited about the wonderful year ahead of us!



What to Expect this term.

The first few weeks of Autumn term will be focused primarily on settling the children into their new classroom and building relationships with them. We want your children to feel happy, safe and comfortable in their new environment. We will spend plenty of time adjusting to school life and routines, getting to know your children and you too. As always, we encourage and value strong communication between school and home, so if you ever have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Throughout the term children will begin learning how to apply a variety of phonetic skills to their early reading and mark making through stories and discrete phonics teaching. Alongside developing maths mastery in numbers across 0-10. Other fun topics will include traditional tales, all about me, seasons and space and time to follow your children's interests too!



Forest School

Forest School will happen every Monday afternoon. Please send home clothes to school each week as children will get dressed at school. Children will also need a waterproof jacket, trousers and wellies. Please be mindful that children are very likely to get messy and therefore old clothes are recommended. Forest School will start on **Monday 18th September.**

PE

PE lessons will happen every Wednesday afternoon. PE kits will be kept at school during term time and sent home per half term to be washed.

Children will get dressed at school. PE lessons will start on **Wednesday 13th September.**



Communication

Luckily we will see each other daily at drop off and pick up so any key messages from the day will be shared with you when necessary. However, for more generic class information, such as trips, will be emailed to you so please keep an eye out for an exciting news.

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Reading

Reading books will be sent home within the first couple of full time school weeks. There is some additional support provided within your child's bookbag. Initially storybooks and picture books will be sent home however as your child becomes more confident with their phonics, decodable books will follow. Please try your best to read with your child as much as possible - 10 minutes a day can make all the difference. Each Friday flashcards of the sounds taught that week will be sent home for your child to practise, again a quick daily practice of these can make a huge difference.



Your Child's Progress

Communication between home and school life is of tremendous value to us throughout your child's journey through St-Laurence but particularly during the Early Years. Your children's learning and exploration will take place continuously in a huge variety of contexts and at different paces. Therefore, we feel it is vital we share their progress with you throughout the year. Each half term key observations and next steps will be shared with you so that you can not only gain greater insight to your child's learning but also support children in reaching their next steps. The number of observations will differ at different times throughout the year as they are used to reflect your child's personal and authentic learning journey. A parent's telephone consultation will take place the week beginning **Monday 16th October** and more information about this will follow closer the time.

Food and Drink Arrangements.

- Please send children in with a **labelled water bottle** which will freely be accessible to children throughout the day.
- **Milk and Snack** (Fruit or Veg) is provided for the children every day. Children under the age of 5 are entitled to free milk however once a child reaches 5, milk can still be provided but you will need to register your child at www.coolmilk.com.
- Children are entitled to free school **lunches** which include hot dinners or a school packed lunch. If you have any issues accessing and booking these lunches please speak to admin.
- In Reception class, we enjoy **cooking and baking** and therefore there will be plenty of culinary opportunities throughout the term for your children. We will update you within the week we plan to arrange cooking.

Please keep us updated on any dietary requirements and/or allergies.



Helpers

If anyone has any spare time and would like to join us in school to support with readers or help us with gardening/cooking/art projects please do get in touch. This can include grandparents.

Word of Safety

Please note that should you need someone else to pick up your child you **MUST** let us or office know as soon as possible.