

Reception Home/School Links Letter

Autumn A - Pleased to meet you!



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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome to Reception!

We hope your children have a very happy year with us and build upon their great success in Nursery. At Appletree Gardens we actively seek to engage you in your child's education as we recognise the positive influence this has on their development.

Building Relationships:

All Reception staff: Mrs Mitchell, Mrs McAvelia, Miss Stamp, Miss Herriott and Mrs Costigan are available at the beginning and end of each day so please come and talk to us! Mrs Potter will join us on Thursday and Friday afternoons. We would also love to hear about any personal achievements the children may reach outside of school - please share these with us on seesaw so we can celebrate in school.

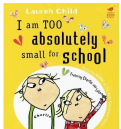
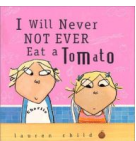
'Getting it Right - From the Start' Meeting: Supporting Reading, Writing and Maths at home:

In the Autumn term we hold a meeting which we strongly recommend all parents attend. During the meeting we will talk about how you can support your child's development and hand out a pack containing essential materials to support your child. The meeting, for parents only, will be held on **Wednesday 25th September at 5:00 - 6:00pm**.

Personality Patchwork Preparation - We are planning a lovely project in school where the children, teachers and parents all work together to produce a large patchwork display. On the morning (approx. 9-10.30am) of **Tuesday 1st October** we are inviting parents/carers into school to work with their children to create a patch. Each patch will represent a child in Reception and should reflect their personalities, likes and hobbies (dancing, football, horse-riding, reading, ages, family etc.). A letter with more details will follow.

Helping in School:

If you would like to help in school on a regular or occasional basis we would love to have you. Please enquire at the school office and a member of staff will help you to process your DBS clearance.

Week	Homework Task / Parent Events / Trips & Experiences
1 (w/c 2.9.19) 	TRAINING DAY - Monday WELCOME MEETINGS - Tuesday and Wednesday <u>This week we will be reading</u> <i>I am too absolutely small for school</i> Task: My Family - Our topic this term is <i>Pleased to meet you</i> and next week we will be finding out about our wonderful families. Please encourage your child to draw the members of your family (even the pets) and label them on the house template provided. One side is for who lives in your house and the other side is for your wider family ☺
2 (w/c 9.9.19) 	<u>This week we will be reading</u> <i>I will never not ever eat a tomato</i> and talking about school dinners and sharing meal times with our friends. School Dinners - This week your child will be invited to stay for lunch - morning children will have lunch on Tuesday and Wednesday and will need picking up at the later time of 12:20pm. Afternoon children will have lunch on Thursday and Friday and will need dropping off at the earlier time of 11:30am. Task: Staying for lunch This week we have all stayed for lunch. Please talk to your children about their experiences and write what they say in the box.

<p>3 (w/c 16.9.19)</p> 	<p>This week we will be reading <i>Making Faces</i>. We will talk about how we are feeling and how to manage our emotions in school.</p> <p>Task: My Friends are... Please talk to your child about their friendships at school, especially any new friends they have made! Complete the sheet provided.</p>
<p>4 (w/c 23.9.19)</p> 	<p>This week we will be reading <i>Only One You</i>, thinking about how we are all unique and celebrating our differences.</p> <p>'Getting it Right - From the Start' Parents Meeting - on Wednesday 25th September 5-6pm</p> <p>Task: Reading at Home - You will receive a reading pack at the meeting. Please go through your child's pack with them, looking at the words and sounds and reading the story book. Once you have read together <u>it is essential that you sign their yellow reading record and you are also welcome to comment</u>. This informs staff that you have shared and practised reading the book, of any achievements or if a child has encountered any difficulties. Books will be changed weekly and only if their yellow record has been signed.</p>
<p>5 (w/c.30.9.19)</p> 	<p>This week we will be reading <i>Elmer</i>. We love the Elmer stories and our region is currently home to the biggest and brightest art trail it has ever seen! We will be chatting about any Elmers we have seen and creating our own Elmer masterpieces too.</p> <p>Personality Patchwork Project - Tuesday 1st October (approx. 9-10.30am) You are invited into school to work with your child to create a patch. See separate letter.</p> <p>Task: Colour Hunt - Please use the sheet provided to go on a colour hunt around the house / garden with your child. You could stick things onto your sheets that match the colours or paint or draw or take photos of your finds.</p>
<p>6 (w/c 7.10.19)</p> 	<p>This week we will be reading <i>You Choose</i> and talking about lots of different jobs. We will be thinking about what we might like to do when we grow up as part of our Aspirations week.</p> <p>Aspirations Week & BIG ME Day - Friday 11th. Please check weekly newsletters for more information.</p> <p>Parent / Teacher Meetings - Please check weekly newsletters for more information.</p> <p>Task: Travelling to School - Please complete the sheet provided about how you travel to school and the things you see on the journey. We will be sharing and discussing the children's experiences in class.</p>
<p>7 (w/c 14.10.19)</p> 	<p>This week we will be reading <i>The Little Red Hen</i> and thinking about working together as a team and helping other people.</p> <p>Harvest Assembly - More details to follow - please check weekly newsletters for more information.</p> <p>Task: Little Red Hen - Please encourage your child to use Talk 4 Writing actions to re-tell the story of the Little Red Hen. They might even like to make up their own version! On the back of the story map are some animal labels for your child to read with your help.</p>
<p>8 (w/c 21.10.19)</p> 	<p>This week we will be reading <i>Peep Inside the Farm</i> and thinking about where our food comes from!</p> <p>Baking Bread - We will be baking damper bread on our fire pit and making butter!</p> <p>Have a super half term and enjoy the rest!</p>

Thank you for your support

The Reception Herd

Mrs Mitchell

Mrs McAvelia

Miss Stamp

Miss Herriott

Mrs Costigan

Mrs Potter

