Reception Newsletter

Welcome to South Avenue Primary School

Class Teachers - Mr Sonnex, Mrs Barton and Miss Buxton Teaching Assistants - Miss Woolston, Mrs Darling, Mrs Ehrlich and Miss Green.



Welcome! It has been a pleasure getting to know your children this week and we are extremely proud of how well they have already settled into school. We are looking forward to getting to know you and your child during their time in Reception. Please do come and see us if you have any questions or queries or you can email us using the addresses below.

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You will have now received a Tapestry letter. This will tell you all about the online Learning Journals we will be keeping for your child. Please do read the letter and complete the attached permission form. Once these have been returned to school, an email from Tapestry will be sent, so you will be able to set up your personal account to access your child's Online Learning Journal.

Curriculum information

Our topic in Term 1 is 'Magical Me.'



We will be busy getting to know all our new friends. We will be talking about our families, pets and our likes and dislikes. We will be exploring the world around us using our different senses and learning about the different parts of our bodies with games and songs.

In maths this term, we will be learning to count, recognise, order and write numbers. We will begin to understand about adding as the idea of 'more'.

In literacy, we will begin by practising listening for sounds before moving onto learning some of the sounds in Phase 2. Please see your 'Parent Guide to Letters and Sounds' for more detail. We will also be learning all about the different Oxford Reading Tree characters.

How can you help at home?

- Practise dressing and undressing.
- Waiting for their turn, which can be practised through playing games e.g. eye spy, snakes and ladders, snap etc.
- Listening to stories.
- Discussing stories.
- Retelling stories they know e.g. Jack and the Beanstalk etc.
- Listening to sounds around them e.g. animal sounds, everyday sounds etc. and distinguishing them.
- Using a knife and fork.
- Recognising numbers.
- Counting the amount of objects they have.
- Writing their name and numbers.
- Practising letter sounds.

P.E is on Thursday

Please could you ensure your child is wearing their PE kit to school on this day.

Your kit should include; white top, red or black shorts/jogging bottoms and plimsolls.



Water bottles

Please could you ensure that your child brings a **named** drink bottle to school each day, to have in the classroom.

This should contain water only.



Reading books

Each week, we will listen to your child reading a book and play reading games/activities in class.

Please ensure your child's reading book is brought into school every day. Books will be changed twice a week on **Monday** and **Thursday**.

Reading is a tricky skill to master and your child will benefit from reading with you at home as much as possible.

Clothing

Please make sure all items of your child's clothing has their name on it. Please use a permanent laundry marker or stick in name labels as biro washes out easily.

Thank you