

Welcome

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for supporting your children in their first half term in Reception. The children have settled in beautifully, and we have loved getting to know them.

The start and end of day arrangements remain the same. Pick up and drop off will be from the classroom doors which can be accessed via all gates.

Drop off your child at the classroom doors which will open at **8:40am** and **close at 8:55am**. Please ensure the children arrive promptly so they are ready for the day ahead. Pick up will be from the classroom doors at **3:15pm** promptly.

P.E will be on **Mondays and Wednesdays**. Your child should come into school wearing their PE kits every week – black joggers, leggings or shorts with a white polo top, their school jumper/cardigan and trainers. Your child is expected to wear a full school uniform everyday unless told otherwise. Please see the website for more information on this.

As we move into the colder months, please ensure your child is dressed appropriately as we will still be enjoying going outside. Also, a reminder to please label all items including scarves, hats, and gloves!
We ask that children to bring a water bottle and their book bag every day.

Autumn Term 2 2025

Staff:

Early Years Lead: Mrs Lightfoot

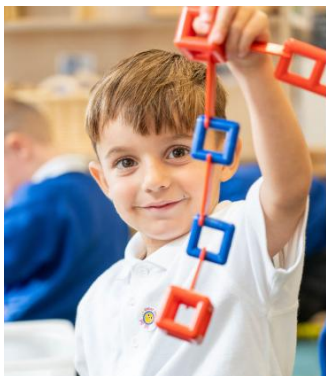
Teachers: Mrs Clough/Mrs Lightfoot (Caterpillars Class) and Mrs Sowden (Starlings Class)

Learning Support Assistants: Mrs Atkinson, Miss Frosdick, Miss Roberts and Mrs Barrett

Mrs Bishop will also teach across the Reception classes.



Information for Parents and Carers



How you can support your child at home

Reading- We will be sending out learning related to the sounds that your child is taught each week. Reading books will be collected and changed on **Wednesdays**. We expect that you read with your child **three times per week**. This will really support the phonics teaching that is done in class.

Phonics- It is vital that your child develops good listening skills in preparation for phonics. Games like Simon says and copy my rhythm are brilliant for this! We have started Phase 2 phonics, which teaches your child how to read and write individual letter sounds. **Phonics Play (www.phonicsplay.co.uk) is a great website with games for your child to play. Please choose either Phase 1 or Phase 2.**

Writing- The first aspect of writing is assigning meaning to marks. Your child will then begin to write initial sounds of words (e.g. d for dog). Please encourage your child to practice writing their name and any new letters that they learn using the correct letter formation. Your child could help you to write a shopping list, cards, notes too!

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Maths- We will be counting and representing numbers to 5 in different ways. Your child will gain a deep understanding of numbers 1 – 5 including one more and one less of each number. Try to encourage your child to count out quantities to 5 and beyond. This could be done through everyday activities e.g. counting how many forks you have, how many teddies, how many steps. Encouraging your child to recognise and write numerals to 5 and beyond would be fantastic.

Physical Development- Fine motor skills involve movements using small muscles in our hands and fingers. Gross Motor Skills involve movements in large muscles such as legs, arms and torso.

Fine Motor Skills It's important that your child develops their fine motor skills before beginning to write. This can be done through activities such as playdough, using tweezers, fastening buttons, threading, using lego etc.

Gross Motor Skills- Encourage your child to use cutlery when eating meals. Practice hopping, galloping, jumping when you're out and about. Have a go at throwing and catching balls in the garden. Your child can even help you to brush up! (this is brilliant to strengthen their muscles ready for writing).

Seesaw

We will send updates about your child's learning via Seesaw. We would love you to send us photographs too so we can share these with the class. Please speak to a member of staff if you are unable to access your child's account.

Secret Reader

We would love to invite our parents into school as much as possible! If you would like to be a Secret Reader and visit our class to read a story, please let your child's class teacher know.

Key dates

Stay and Play event - Thursday 13th November at 2:15pm

Christmas Fayre - Saturday 22nd November

Christmas Performance – Monday 8th December – 9AM and 2:15PM

Pantomime visiting Nursery and Reception – Wednesday 3rd December

School Closes for the Christmas holidays – Friday 19th December

Topics

Our topic for this half term is called 'Seasons and Celebrations'. We will be exploring the question 'How do we celebrate with our families at this time of year?' through engaging, open-ended and exciting activities. If you celebrate any festivals over the coming months, we would love to welcome you into school to speak about them and share your experiences!

For concerns or queries relating to your child's learning, your first point of contact is one of the class teachers (Mrs Clough, Mrs Lightfoot or Mrs Sowden). The easiest method is to speak to one of us at the end of the school day. However, you can also contact us via the below email address:

EYFS@tnhps.rklt.co.uk

Other concerns relating to absence, school uniform, lunches etc. should be directed to the school office.