

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Reception! We hope everyone has had a lovely summer break. We are excited for the term ahead!

Our first half term is all about settling into school, learning routines and expectations and making sure everyone is happy and confident in the classroom.

We will be learning where everything is in our classroom and outside and who to ask if we need help. Over the next few weeks our timetable will gradually build up to include a short phonics and maths lesson, story times, PE and a library visit. There will be lots of play, inside and out so please make sure your child has a labelled coat every day as we are coming into the colder and wetter months.

P.E will be on Monday and Wednesday. Your child should come into school wearing their PE kits on these days.

Your child is expected to wear full school uniform everyday unless told otherwise. Please see the website for more information on this. Clearly named items to bring to school every day: **Water Bottle, School Book Bag, Packed Lunch (if required).**

Autumn Term 1 2026

Staff:

Early Years Lead: Miss Atkins

Teachers: Miss Atkins (Adder class)
Miss Reed (Robin Class)

Learning Support Assistants: Mrs Atkinson, Mrs Shaw and Miss Brooke.

Mrs Bishop and Mr Hewitt will also be working across Early Years.



Information for Parents and Carers

Reception

How you can support your child at home

Independence: There will always be someone here to help your child, however it is important that they feel confident at school and being able to put on their own coat and shoes, use the toilet and recognize their name and belongings all helps toward that. Please continue working on these skills at home if your child isn't confident yet.

Phonics: We will be starting our phonics lessons on Monday 14th of September. These will be very short sessions at first, introducing letter sounds and identifying initial letters and how the letters are formed. There will be a Phonics meeting for parents on Monday 21st September at 2.45pm to give you more information about how we teach phonics and how you can support at home.

Writing: We will be doing lots of fine motor practice at school to develop pencil grip and scissor skills. We will also be practicing our name writing daily.

Reading: Once everybody is happy and settled in the classroom we will start to visit the school library for a story time each week and to choose a storybook to bring home to share. Reading with your child is so important for developing an interest in books and a love of reading as well as developing vocabulary.



How you can support your child at home

Maths- We are following the White Rose scheme, which covers vital learning and skills throughout the year. This term we will be focusing on:

- Matching and sorting.
- Subtising small groups of items (recognizing how many without counting)
- Numbers 1 – 3
- How to count.
- Comparing quantities.
- Circles, triangles and squares.

Communication and language-

We will be working on building up focus and good listening skills in a small group and at story time and taking turns when speaking. We will be allowing time to become confident to speak in the new setting and with new people.

We encourage all children to speak clearly and in full sentences. For example when asked a question "What can you see?" we encourage children to use phrases such as "I can see a yellow boat". Please could you mirror this at home, we find modelling sentences to repeat effective.

PSED- Being me in my world. Exploring self identity: likes and dislikes and identifying and labeling feelings. Developing new friendships.



How will we enrich the curriculum this half term?

Secret reader – every Thursday at 2.50pm. if you would like to read a favourite story to the class please speak to your class teacher and sign up.

Phonics meeting for parents: Monday 21st September at 2.45pm. Please come to the school office and you will be shown to the hall.

Topics

Our project for the next half term is 'Super me and super you!' We will be reading different stories including 'Super Duper you', 'The Colour Monster' and 'So Much'. There will be lots of talk about what makes us special, our families and our friends. We will also be noticing the autumn changes happening around us as we move through the term.

For concerns or queries relating to your child's learning, your first point of contact is one of the Year Reception class teachers (Miss Atkins or Miss Reed). 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.