

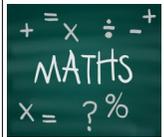


Welcome to Reception!



We would like to extend a very warm welcome to yourselves and your children from everyone here at Three Lane Ends Academy. We are looking forward to working in partnership with you and the children during the year ahead, an exciting year full of fantastic learning opportunities.

First of all we would like to let everyone know how well the children have settled in to their new class. Every child is becoming more confident and independent in accessing resources around the classroom and it's so wonderful to see lots of new friendships blossoming! Our main theme for the term will be 'Ourselves' in our 'It's Good to be Me!' topic. However, we pride ourselves on having an Early Years curriculum based upon the children's interests, so topics and themes are likely to change often.



Our maths activities this half term will focus on; sorting items into groups, identifying similarities and differences and making patterns. We will spend much of our time asking the children to 'say what you see' and modelling giving answers using full sentences such as, 'They are the same because', 'They are different because' and 'I can see...'. On top of this we will begin to develop your child's ability to subitise amounts, which means being able to identify how many items are in a group without counting.



English

Over this term we will be helping the children to practice their reading and writing skills. We will have a daily phonics session in which we will focus on learning our initial sounds and continuing our segmenting and blending. We will be reading stories frequently and discussing the story language. The children will enjoy learning about The Gruffalo, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, Owl Babies and the Tiger who came for Tea. The children will learn to sequence key events in a story.

Staff

Owl Class

Teacher-

Mrs L Winstanley (Mon-Thur)

Mr G Billing (Friday)

Support-

Mrs S Lawford (HLTA)

Kingfisher Class

Teacher-

Mrs R Holland

Support-

Miss N Hamer

Miss J Holmes

Twitter- Reception updates will be posted regularly on the school Twitter page.



Notices-

Water Bottles-Please ensure your child has a water bottle in class every day, which is clearly labeled with their name. This will be sent home daily for cleaning, and needs to be brought back each morning.

P.E- Reception will take part in a P.E session every Friday with Mr Billing. Children should come to school on that day in their P.E Kit. P.E Kit consists of: black shorts or tracksuit bottoms, green polo shirt, black or white trainers.

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PSED & Understanding the World

During our topic we will be discussing the question 'What makes me unique?' Through this question we will be developing many of the children's personal social skills including building confidence when talking in small groups, talking to friends about personal wants and needs and developing the children's ability to communicate about their own homes and communities. This topic will also help to raise awareness about all the different aspects that make us unique and give us the opportunity to talk about a range of different appearances, cultures and beliefs.



Physical Development

A large proportion of our time will be spent developing our fine and gross motor skills. The biggest focus of which will be on developing the children's shoulder and finger strength and dexterity so that they can master the tripod pencil grip.

In our P.E sessions this half term we will be developing our co-ordination, special awareness and movement skills by playing different games.

