



## Gold Class – Autumn Term Newsletter 2020

Dear Reception Parents and Carers,

Welcome to all our new Foundation Stage children and parents, and welcome back to those who were in our nursery last year. We hope that you had a good summer and are ready for the exciting year ahead of us.

The children have settled in beautifully and we are so proud of their independence in the mornings.

We have started the term with a whole school book: 'Here we are' by Oliver Jeffers, which the children have thoroughly enjoyed. The book has led to activities and discussions about and ourselves, our families, where we live and our world.

Every class in school has been timetabled with a number of sessions each day in the outside areas in school – the allotment, field, wooded area and playgrounds. We will be using these times to ensure the children get plenty of fresh air and exercise between classroom based learning and we will be teaching outside when this is possible too.

We have a busy term ahead, so here is some key information about the learning topics we have to look forward to.

### Curriculum focus

This term our main focus is on 'All About Me' where we will be getting to know each other and talk about ourselves and our lives. Our activities will be based on the children's interests.

We are also going to learn about Autumn and Harvest.

If you have any resources or books that can support the children's learning please do let us know.

### Phonics

In Reception we will be learning our letters and sounds every day. The children will learn up to 4 sounds every week. The sounds of the week will be announced via a sticker in their reading records and will be displayed on our window.

As always, we will ensure to support all children's individual needs in a variety of ways. Additional support, individualised learning and intervention will continue in the children's bubbles. We will share any further information if necessary with parents in due course.

### PE

PE this term will usually be on Mondays and Fridays.

The days for PE lessons this term may change as we take advantage of the weather and lead sessions outside whenever possible. Therefore, it is important that the children have a **full** PE kit with them every day, including a long sleeved top and trainers for outdoor PE work. Children with long hair must remember to bring a hair tie. PE kits will be sent home to be washed at the end of the week and then returned the following Monday. Thank you.

### **Craft and Cooking Contribution**

For craft and cooking money this term, we are asking for a contribution of £5.00. Please return this in the envelope provided as soon as possible.

### **Other contributions**

We are always on the lookout for small cardboard boxes (or very large ones we can fit inside) and other recyclable materials including buttons, ribbons, paper and card. We gratefully welcome these at any time in the term.

Unfortunately, for now, there are no class assembly dates. However, we will share with you details and photographs of the children's learning in the whole school newsletters on a regular basis and these will of course be recorded in your child's learning journal.

I hope that this information is helpful to you, but please do contact us via email or phone if there is anything at all you want to discuss further.

Kind regards,

Reception team