



Diptford C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome to Reception!

Your children came in on Monday looking so organised and ready for school! Thank you so much, it really helps that they had everything they needed.

Settling in

We are spending the first two weeks of the Autumn Term settling into the new routines and expectations of Reception. This is often a big learning curve and from experience we know that this time is so important to get right.

Reading

Without a doubt, learning to read is the most important step in a child's academic journey and, along with their emotional well-being, it has top priority in Reception. We will be asking for as much help as you can give us along the way. Don't worry though, as parents ourselves we understand just how busy you are so there will be no judgement, just gratitude for any help you can give! The main support you can give us is to read, read and read TO your child and as their confidence grows to read, read, read WITH your child!

The children will bring home a wordless book this week. Please have a look at this with your child and help them to work out the story from the pictures. Ask them lots of questions about what is happening and guide them in knowing the conventions of turning the pages the right way from front to back.

They will also bring home a story book for you to read to them. The love of stories is so important in learning to read so this is an opportunity to just enjoy the books together.

We will start daily Phonics sessions in Week 3 this term. Once we start these your child will bring home a book with decodable words in. The more letters and sounds they learn in Phonics the more complex the reading will become.

Snacks

At morning snack time your child will be offered a selection of fruit and vegetable snacks and a drink of milk or water. If you would like your child to bring in any additional fruit or vegetable snack then that is fine to do so, they can have it at the same time.

Independence with coats and jumpers

We will be encouraging the Reception children to take off and put on coats, jumpers and shoes independently. It would really help us if you could help them to learn to do this at home too.

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Forest School

Next week we will have our first Forest School session of the year. Miss Reid will run the session supported by Mrs Sedgbeer and the Year 1 and 2 children will be with us so the older children will be able to help and support the Reception children. We will be building stick towers, building dens, hanging out in the hammock, making amazing art with natural materials and working together to navigate the outside space. Please could children bring old clothes to change into and waterproofs for over the top. Most children already have wellies in school but if not could they bring these too. A change of socks and an extra carrier bag for any clothes that get wet or muddy would also be really useful.

Many thanks for your support,

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Miss Ali Reid and Mrs Holly Edgington

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