



# Rectory Farm Primary School

## Reception Class Autumn 1 Newsletter



This Curriculum newsletter aims to give you an insight into what we will be learning this term.  
Please talk to your child about what he/she is learning at school.

### Topic: Me and My Community

For the first few weeks of the term, we will be concentrating on settling the children into their new environment, establishing rules and routines. We will also be providing activities to enable them to form positive relationships with the staff and their peers, as well as build resilience in school.

During the first term, children will be celebrating the similarities and differences between themselves and their peers and discussing how we are all unique. We will be talking about who lives in our house and people who are special to us, as well as exploring our local community.

### Reading

To begin with, the children will bring home a picture book to promote storytelling and to assist them in becoming more confident with their communication and language. This will also develop children's inferencing skills as they will be able to discuss the pictures. As the children learn phonics, they will be bringing home books with words to enable them to practice blending and to enable them to recognise new sounds. Children will visit the library weekly to choose a book to share at home with their family. The children will be given a yellow reading record which will need to be signed each time you read with your child. Reading at home is vital to ensure children are consolidating the skills they have learnt in school; therefore, we ask if children can read at home at least 4 times a week.

### How you can help at home

- Talk to your children about
- their learning in school
- Please support your child to practice dressing independently
- Ask children about what letter sound they have been learning that day.
- Can children find objects from around the house that begin with that letter sound?
- Can children identify taught letters around the community e.g on street signs
- Ask your child to count to ten and show you that many objects.

### Reminders

- Children will need their PE kits in school each Tuesday.
- Please remember to write your child's name on each piece of clothing.
- Please ensure that your child brings their reading books and book bags to school each day.

### Morning routine

Getting the morning routine right early on is crucial in helping each child to settle into Reception successfully. Your child will be greeted by a member of staff who will support them to put away their belongings and ensure they are settled and ready for the day. It is essential we build these lifelong skills early to encourage children to become independent so please make sure your child is arriving to school on time.