



Welcome to Reception



We hope you have all enjoyed a relaxing and fun-filled summer holiday.

We are delighted to welcome the children to Reception and are looking forward to an exciting Autumn Term ahead. In this newsletter, you will find information about what the children will be learning across the curriculum, as well as important dates and reminders for the term.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to speak to Miss Ward and Miss Godwin at our Somers Park site or Mrs Cullerne at our Malvern Vale site at the beginning or end of the school day. Alternatively, you can contact us via the school office email. We look forward to working with you and your child throughout the Autumn Term.

Reminders and notes

- Please ensure your child has a named water bottle and coat in school daily.
- Label all school uniform of your child's.
- All children will be taking place in the NFER baseline assessment.
- Rainbow Challenges have begun this week, look on our Instagram page to see weekly challenges- SomersparkReception

Upcoming events and dates

12th October – OPAL Parent Event (1-3pm)
13th & 15th October – Parents Evening
26-30th October – HALF TERM
20th November – INSET day
2nd December- Malvern Vale Reception Nativity 10-11am
8th December- Somers Park Reception Nativity 10-11am
18th December – Last day of term

What we are learning



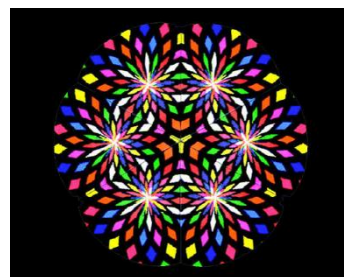
Our topic for Autumn 1 is – 'ALL ABOUT ME!'

This half term, our topic will help us get to know one another.

The children will share information about themselves and their

Our Topic for Autumn 2 is - 'The Kaleidoscope'

The children will be exploring the beauty of colours and their different meanings. They will learn about Diwali, investigate light and dark, and



families, including their favourite things and family traditions. They will learn how their bodies work and how to keep them healthy. We will also explore different feelings and, of course, learn how to make new friendships.

In Maths, we will build on what the children have already learned at nursery, preschool or home. They will practise recognising, counting and correctly forming numbers up to 5. We will also explore matching objects, creating patterns, and finding one more or one less.

discover nocturnal animals and their habitats. We will also explore how the seasons change and, of course, enjoy learning about our favourite time of year, Christmas!

In Maths this half term, we will continue developing our understanding of numbers and number formation. The children will compare shapes they can see in their environment, learn to represent the numbers 4 and 5 and explore their compositions, while consolidating all the key mathematical concepts covered throughout the term.

Read Write Inc

As you will have seen from the weekly homework, we have now started our Read Write Inc. (RWI) phonics sessions. We will be covering four sounds each week in school until all of Set 1 has been completed. The homework sheets are designed to keep you up to date with what your child is learning and to help reinforce these sounds through practice at home.

Sharing books have now started coming home and will be changed on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. These books are intended to be enjoyed together and can be used as a bedtime story or shared as a family. We do not expect children to read these books independently.

Reading scheme books will be sent home once we feel your child is ready to join the reading scheme. We will notify you when this happens. At this stage, your child will also receive a reading record, along with information on how to complete it.



PE/Forest Session Information

RAW and RAG classes:

Please send your child to school in their PE kit on Thursdays and Fridays. Thursday is our Forest School session, so children will also need a named pair of wellies and waterproofs in school throughout the year.

Friday afternoon is our PE session. This term, we will be focusing on Dance.

Oak Class:

Please send your child to school in their PE kit on Tuesdays and Fridays. Friday is our Forest School session, so children will also need a named pair of wellies and waterproofs in school throughout the year.

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