

## **Welcome to Reception!**

We are looking forward to building up a good working relationship to make the coming year a happy and successful one for your child.

## **Key Information for this year:**

### **Home Learning:**

**Home learning will be sent home on a Thursday and needs to be returned to school on a Monday.**

Initially the children will be sent home with a phonics book. The children are expected to practise the sounds learnt in school and then practise forming the letters correctly at home. After we have completed the phonics book, children will be sent home with High Frequency words, to practise recognition and spelling. By the end of the year English home learning will also be sent home.

### **PE:**

**The children need to have their PE kit in school on a Tuesday.**

Could you make sure all pierced earrings are removed or covered up with plasters during PE days.

Please could you ensure that your child has a PE kit in school at all times (including blue shorts, a white t-shirt and plimsolls in a bag, all labelled with your child's name). It would be great if children could bring their kit in at the start of term and leave it at school all the time, taking it home only during holidays to wash. If your child attends an after school club, please provide additional clothing.

### **Book Bags**

Could you please ensure this is brought to and from school each day.

### **Reading:**

**It is important that your child is reading at home every day and that their reading record is signed.** Please ensure that your child bring their books to school every day. Please sign your child's reading record each time you read at home with them. If you wish to write a comment as well, that would be most welcome. Children make much better progress with their reading if they are bringing their books in and teacher and parent/carers are in communication through reading diaries. Initially your child will be sent home, a book with no words. It is important to show children how to read a book, encourage your child to hold the book correctly, turn pages and look at the pages left to right. Encourage your child to retell the events happening on each page using story language (Once upon a time, happily ever after, etc.) and can they answer questions about why things are happening and how the characters feel.

**It will be expected that you read with your child at least 3 times a week and we will change children's reading books on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday.**

### **Water bottles:**

It is important that your child stays hydrated during the day. **Please send your child to school with a water bottle every day. It must only be filled with water.**

If there is anything else you would like to know, please do not hesitate to ask!

Mrs Metcalf and the EYFS team.