



# RECEPTION: AUTUMN NEWSLETTER



## Key Dates

### October

- 14<sup>th</sup> + 15<sup>th</sup> - Individual and sibling photos.
- 20<sup>th</sup> - Harvest Festivals
- 27<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> - Half term.

### Autumn Two

### November

- 3<sup>rd</sup> - INSET Day
- 4<sup>th</sup> + 6<sup>th</sup> - Parent's evenings
- 15<sup>th</sup> - Children In Need Mufti Day
- 24<sup>th</sup> - Children's Flu Immunisations

### December

- 10<sup>th</sup> - EYFS Christmas Performance
- 17<sup>th</sup> - Whole School Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day.
- 18<sup>th</sup> - Brass band performance

## Welcome to The Radstone Primary School

Dear Parents,

We are delighted to extend a warm welcome to you as we begin an exciting year here at The Radstone Primary School! It's with great enthusiasm that we begin this journey with your wonderful children. As we settle into the new term, we have been genuinely impressed by how seamlessly the children have adjusted to life at our school. Their enthusiasm, curiosity and boundless energy have already brightened our days, and we can't wait to see them grow not just as learners, but as individuals. We have had fun getting to know each child, and we look forward to fostering a nurturing and inspiring learning environment for them. As we embark on this exciting journey together, we want you to know that we are dedicated to providing the best possible educational experience for your child. The year ahead is brimming with possibilities, and we can't wait to watch and help your children flourish.

Best wishes,

The EYFS Team

## Additional Information

Forest school will take place on Tuesday afternoon each week with Mrs Beddall. To ensure the children get the most from these sessions, we have decided that each week, one class will have a more extended session for the whole afternoon, followed by the other class the following week. The first Forest School session will take place on Tuesday, the 17th of September, with the children in Mrs Reynolds' class. They will need to have a coat that is suitable for the time of year, as well as gloves and scarves later in the term. More information will follow on Class Dojo as well as the dates for each class's sessions. The first PE session for your child will take place on Friday, 19th September, and will continue on a weekly basis on Friday mornings. Children are to come into school wearing their PE kit and should bring their uniform in their bag to change into for the remainder of the day. To ensure safety during these sessions, please ensure that your child has their long hair tied back and that they remove their earrings on these days.

## Parent Partnership

**Tapestry:** In our setting, we use Tapestry to share your child's learning experiences through photos and observations. We welcome you and your child to share significant moments or pictures with us.

**Class Dojo:** Class Dojo is a valuable resource for staying updated on classroom and school events. We also use it to reward your child with Dojo points for following our school's **golden rules**. Which are **Be Ready**, **Be Respectful** and **Be Safe**. Please be aware that we don't use the Class Dojo messaging system, and it's not monitored. If you need to contact us, please speak with us at pickup/ drop-off or call or email the office. They can be reached through [enquiries@trps.thlt.academy](mailto:enquiries@trps.thlt.academy).

**Family Reading Sessions:** At the end of each term, we will host a family reading session, inviting you to come into school to read with your child and share a book. This helps to promote a love for reading and books, which is essential for your child's educational development.

## Meet The Team

- Mr McGillivray** - EYFS Lead, DSL & Class Teacher
- Miss Reynolds** - Class Teacher
- Miss Thomas** - Higher Level Teaching Assistant
- Miss Wilding** - Teaching Assistant
- Miss Kersey** - Teaching Assistant
- Miss Cumming** - Teaching Assistant



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## Personal, Social & Emotional Development

This term, our primary focus is helping the children settle comfortably into life at The Radstone Primary School by addressing daily routines, our **'Golden Rules'**, and nurturing classroom connections and friendships. We'll also be exploring the Zones of Regulation, which involves recognising and naming emotions in each zone and using practical strategies for emotional management. Learning will be enjoyed through activities like Circle Time and engaging in stories like 'The Colour Monster' to enhance their emotional literacy in a light-hearted way. Additionally, we'll learn about people who help us in the local community and ways we can help ourselves stay healthy.

## Physical Development

The children will be presented with a range of activities designed to enhance their dexterity, fine and gross motor skills.. These activities will include engaging with materials such as playdough and threading objects. This deliberate focus on fine motor skills will contribute to the refinement of their dominant hand's ability to grasp a pencil and other tools with precision and proper control. Reception will have an introduction to PE. This will include the routines as well as the rules and expectations that must be established. They will learn to listen and respond to instructions in a different environment and enjoy being active. After half-term, the basic fundamental movement skills will be developed, along with an awareness of space and the ability to work with others.

## Communication & Language

In the area of communication and language development, children will participate in activities designed to enhance their language skills. These activities involve listening to stories, getting familiar with rhymes and songs and engaging in recitations with associated actions. Through class story time, children will discover new words and be encouraged to use them in their own conversations. Additionally, during Circle Time sessions, children will be supported in expressing their thoughts, responding to visual stimuli and artefacts, sharing ideas in front of their classmates, answering questions and improving their communication abilities.

## Literacy

The children will be introduced to Set 1 phonics sounds, guided by Fred Frog, our Read, Write Inc mascot! This phase of the phonics scheme will include the acquisition of mnemonic aids associated with each sound, aiming to facilitate the students in both recognising and writing these sounds. Additionally when writing, the children will embark on the process of attributing meaning to the symbols they create, with an emphasis on utilising their sound awareness to identify and transcribe initial sounds within words.

## Maths

During this term, our curriculum will focus on an exploration of numbers one to five, including their composition and representation. We will also be exploring matching numerical symbols to their corresponding representations, identifying patterns, and introducing the concepts of greater and lesser values. The children will have lots of opportunity to explore these concepts to ensure that the children develop a practical understanding of these concepts before engaging in small group activities.

## Expressive Arts & Design

This term, our activities will include engaging in familiar songs and rhymes, as well as discovering different sounds we can hear and create. In our Art sessions, we will delve into the world of mixing colours and textures to craft our own unique art pieces. The children will have the opportunity to mark make and create art using different objects and printing tools,

## Understanding the World

We are in for many festive treats with celebrations like Diwali, Harvest, Bonfire Night and Christmas on the horizon! We'll be sparking conversations with the children about their experiences with these events, inviting them to draw parallels between their own celebrations and those from other countries and cultures. Furthermore, we'll embark on a journey to discover the wonders of the world around us, keeping an eye out for shifts in the seasons and the captivating beauty of the natural world.

