



Reception Newsletter

Spring Term 2025



Happy New Year! We hope you had a wonderful festive break and are now ready for the start of a new term ahead. We have planned lots of exciting activities for your children this term. We have included as much information as possible in this newsletter so please keep this for reference. You can also consult the website for different dates and remember that we are always here to answer any questions. Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs George, Miss Sherstone, Miss Smith, Miss Palmer, Mrs Cowell, Miss Littlewood, Miss Wood, Miss Bresnahan, Miss Day and Mrs Badcock.

Staffing

Please feel free to speak to any member of the team in Reception:

- Mrs George - Deputy Headteacher/Early Years Leader
- Miss Sherstone - EYFS/KS1 lead and teacher in Nursery
- Miss Smith - Teacher
- Miss Palmer - Teacher
- Mrs Cowell - Teacher
- Miss Littlewood - HLTA
- Miss Wood - LSA
- Miss Bresnahan - HLTA
- Miss Day - Parental engagement officer
- Mrs Badcock - Speech and Language Therapist



Attendance

It is vital that your children attend school **every day!**



We understand that children get ill sometimes but anything over 5 days a year is deemed as excessive. Just missing an odd day here and there is so detrimental to your child's learning and they can miss essential learning opportunities.

Fines will be issued where needed...

However many rewards are planned for excellent attendance... watch this space!

If your child is absent, remember you can now email school on this address:

absence@westmorland.stockport.sch.uk

—your child will only get their Reliability on their WARRIOR chart if they are in school all week.



Rewards

We will reward children who act like a Westmorland Warrior, and demonstrate our school values of:

- Willpower
- Achievement
- Respect
- Reflection
- Independence
- Organisation and
- Reliability



School Uniform



Every child should be wearing the correct school uniform as well as sensible shoes (not boots). All uniform needs to be named, **especially jumpers and PE kits!** These can be bought online at stitchdesign.co.uk

Jewellery - The only Jewellery allowed will be a simple wrist watch and small flat stud earrings (worn at their own risk) on days when they do not have sporting activities. The children will need to remove these for all sporting/physical activity. If a child wearing earrings from Monday next week cannot remove them by themselves for activities, then parents will be expected to come in to remove them, before they can take part in sporting activities or attend after school sports.



Rain/Snow/Hail!

Please ensure your child brings a warm, waterproof coat that fastens, in case of the typical changeable Manchester weather! In particular gloves and a warm hat in this icy spell we have been having.

P.E

Your child will have their PE lessons on **Monday**. Please make sure that your child has their PE kit in school. This should be; a white T-shirt, green or black shorts or black joggers and black pumps. It is an important goal for your child to be able to get dressed and undressed independently.

If your child cannot do this, please help them by developing their independence and practising at home each day.



Remember, no earrings for any sporting activities!



Independence

Independence is key to the children learning in Reception and getting them ready for year 1.

Please ensure your child is getting ready for school in the morning, putting on their own socks, shoes and clothes and of course zipping up their own coat.

Taking responsibility of their own book bag, helping to prepare their own lunch and carrying their own things will all help with their independence.

Educational Visits

Our school intent is 'MORE'. Staff ensure that all children have memorable experiences, oracy skills, read more and have lots of experiences to consolidate their learning. School subsidise these activities and pay using different funds.. In order to immerse children in their learning, staff research any activities that will help children with their learning. All parents are asked to contribute to your child's learning.

We ask for £8.50 per term. This needs to be paid through parentpay. 'Freddie Fit' and 'Mini professors' have been booked for Spring term for all Reception children. Therefore £8.50 needs to be paid as soon as possible.

Please note that if we do not receive enough monies in advance **THESE WILL BE CANCELLED.**

We are also looking forward to visits from the **police, fire service and dentist.**

Topics

Your child will be learning about 'Superheroes' and 'Space' until the Easter break. Please help to extend their learning by reading books, role playing and discussing these topics at home!

Get your capes and superhero costumes ready for...

Superhero day!

Friday the 7th February.



Maths workshops!



It was so lovely to see so many of you at our reading workshop.

We have now planned a **maths** workshop.

You will have the opportunity to hear how your child will be taught, expectations of the year group and they will be able to answer any questions you might have!

Please come and join your child to take part in some brilliant activities.

This will be at **9.00**, after school drop off on

9th April

We look forward to welcoming you there!

Fun things this term

Thursday 6th March is World Book Day!

Keep the date in mind as we will be planning some brilliant activities in school this week in the next half term.



Parent Pay

We are a cashless school. School visits, dinner money and snack money need to be paid using this.

You will receive a code and instructions of how to set up your account ASAP. If you haven't got this already please speak to staff in the school office.

Remember, you can pay for more than one week if this is easier and more convenient for you.

Breakfast club

If you would like your child to go to breakfast club, it is usually open every school day from 7.45am, through the hall doors and costs £2.50 Your child needs to be in by 8.20am.

Breakfast club needs to be paid in cash on the day.



Snack money

We provide your child with a daily snack this includes; toast, biscuits, cereal, fruit and milk.

Please remember to pay £1.00 every Sunday to ensure that your child can have their snack.



Rocket Phonics

In reception your children will be taught phonics to help them to start their journey to being fluent readers.

For your child's online books don't forget the website: <https://boost-learning.com>

Then add your child's full name in lower case.

Password: westmorland1

Remember to sign your child's reading record to say they've read online.



Reading

We would still love you to, **READ READ READ and TALK TALK TALK** with your children at home.



Children are expected to read at **least three times a week**. Please ensure that you or another adult is listening to your child read and signing their reading record which **must** be brought into school every day.

The children are encouraged to read and re read the books they are given to build up fluency and will have their books changed frequently.

Please talk to your child about what they are reading, this is a vital part of their learning process.

If you need any help supporting your child with their reading, talk to your class teacher at the start of the day.

Don't forget it's important to enjoy sharing stories with your children. Read to them regularly and enjoy talking about characters, stories and interesting facts together.

Try attending ROAR, below!
Readers On A Rampage - ROAR

We will be continuing to invite parents to come into school to read with their child on Monday morning every week. The children will have a sticker chart where when they attend 6 times they can collect their reward!