



Reception Newsletter Autumn Term 2024



Welcome to the Reception class at Westmorland Primary School! We hope you have had a wonderful holiday - it's a shame the weather hasn't been as amazing but we hope you have managed to do some fun things. It has been wonderful seeing the children settling in this week.

Please keep this newsletter safe - you will get 3 a year. The website will keep you updated if you need further information, please do not hesitate to check.

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

Speaking to the Teacher

We operate an open door policy where we encourage you to tell us anything that will help us teach your child with maximum impact every day.

It is also important to note that during the hours of school time, the teachers **MUST** be teaching and supervising the children. This means that they will need to go in with their children after the class line up. This is to ensure that all children are safe and we maximise learning time. There are support staff to pass on a message or you can leave a message at the office.

We thank you for your support with this. The gates will be locked at 8.55am so please ensure that you have left the playground.

If you need to talk to your child's teacher the end of the day is the best time to do this when all of the children have been dismissed.

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.

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 Parent Pay.

'The classroom kitchen' has been booked for Autumn term for all Reception children. Therefore £8.50 needs to be paid before the half term holidays.

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

Readers On A Rampage - ROAR

We will be inviting 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!

More details to follow!

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

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 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.

Topics

Your child will be learning about 'Traditional Tales' and 'Explorers' until Christmas. Please help to extend their learning by reading books at home, watching traditional tales and discussing these topics!

P.E

Your child will have their PE lessons from **Monday 9th** September. Please make sure that your child has their PE kit in school for this date. 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.



Reading books

Your child will have a reading book to take home. Please read this **daily** with your child and talk to them about the book, as this will build up fluency and comprehension. Encourage them to say each sound they can see and read key words. Books will be changed once a week. We encourage you to read different types of text with your child....newspapers, comics, food packets, and the local library can be used for a wider selection.

Your child will change their book once a week. **Your child must bring their book bag every day.**

Key Words:

Your child will be bringing home a little booklet of key words. These words are to be taught to be read on sight.

You are encouraged to make flashcards to stick around your house to ensure that children have exposure to these.

Rocket Phonics

In Reception your children will be taught phonics to help them start their journey to becoming fluent readers. Alongside rocket phonic books twinned to the sounds the children are learning the children will have access to online reading books.

Using the Boost website: <https://boost-learning.com>

Add your child's full name in lower case.

Password: westmorland1

And you will find books assigned to your child.

Remember to sign your child's reading record to say they've read online and their reading books they take home.

Your child will also bring home a booklet of phonic words.

These will include around 6 sounds that children need to learn and be able to recognise, say and write.

We will hold a phonic workshop in order to help you teach your child.

We must work together in order to maximise your child's attainment. Please teach these for just 5 minutes a night to gain consistency.



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



There will be certificates for warriors of the week.

Things to Remember

- ❖ **Coffee afternoon for Reception - Monday 9th September at 3.00pm. Please attend!**
- ❖ Your child should come to school every day. We know children get ill sometimes but on average anything over 5 days a year is deemed excessive and will trigger EWO involvement. In addition, children arriving after 9.05am will be recorded as late for school. Parents who bring children late frequently can now be prosecuted.
- ❖ Every child should be wearing the correct school uniform as well as sensible shoes. **All uniform needs to be clearly labelled**, especially jumpers!
- ❖ You child **must not** bring toys, dummies, blankets etc in to school. Bikes or scooters must not be ridden on the premises.
- ❖ **Jewellery** - It is school policy that the children are allowed a watch (not smart!) in school. No other jewellery (including studs) are permitted.
- ❖ You must ensure your child has a **coat** coming into school as they will undertake outdoor learning everyday! Dress accordingly for the weather
- ❖ You **must not** be late collecting your child. The reception day is **8.45am - 3.15pm**
- ❖ The **office** will be open from **8.00am - 3.30pm**. You will need to leave a message on the answering machine out of these hours