



# Autumn 1 - Newsletter

## Reception - Class RA & RB



WELCOME to Cookridge Primary School! The children have settled in brilliantly, probably the best I have ever seen. We have compiled this newsletter to keep you informed of your child's learning over the coming half term. It is packed full of fun activities and possible activities you can do at home. Enjoy!

### CAL

(Communication and Language)



Focus: Children listen attentively in a range of situations. Children's speaking and listening skills and ability to communicate with each other and adults.

School: Children will be immersed with new vocabulary and encouraged to use it in role play.

Home: Enjoy sharing books together highlighting familiar words and chatting about their day.

### PD

(Physical Development)



Focus: Children show good control and co-ordination in large and small movements. Children know the importance for good health of physical exercise.

School: Activities such as: moving in different ways, PE sessions, and cutting using different tools. Cooking healthy food and learning about exercising regularly.

Home: Make small controlled movements using a range of different tools e.g. knife and fork, pens, pencils

### PSED

(Personal, Social and Emotional Development)



Focus: Our main focus is children getting to grips with daily routines of school life. Children play co-operatively, taking turns with others.

School: We will be working together in small groups sharing resources.

At home: Practising putting coats, shoes and clothes on independently will greatly help.

### L

(Literacy)



Focus: We will be encouraging children to write in every area of the classroom and are continuing to focus on the use of phonics.

School: We will be encouraging children to write their names on their pieces of work with a key focus on phonics and letter formation.

At home: We encourage you to practise writing their names and letter formation.

### UW

(Understanding the World)



Focus: They select and use technology for particular purposes. Talk about past and present events in their own lives and in the lives of family members. They talk about the features of their own immediate environment.

School: We will be looking at the children's families and where they live.

At home: Children to talk about their immediate family and where they live

### M

(Mathematics)



Focus: Children count reliably with numbers from one to 20

School: Reception will be looking at securing counting up to 20 and back again through the use of short, daily number sessions. We will learn through music, games, activities and focused resources.

At home: count whenever possible e.g. shops, counting objects coming to school, games

### Diary Dates



Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September - Children will be registered in Reception A and Reception B groups and will leave from separate doors at home time.

Mon 9<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> - 8:45am - 1:25pm

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> - 8:45am - 3pm (full time)

Mon 16<sup>th</sup> September - Dress as a superhero or a hero of your choice for our fun Superhero day.

Week Commencing 16<sup>th</sup> September - Children will be put into their family groups based on their preferred learning style. Short group activities will take place in those family group.

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October - Den building parents event

End of Autumn 1 - 25<sup>th</sup> October

### EAD

(Expressive Arts and Design)



Focus: They safely use and explore a variety of materials and tools. They represent their own ideas, thoughts and feelings through role-play.

School: Lots of creative activities using a range of media will be provided for the children using their interests as stimulus

At home: Role play make believe scenarios e.g. making dinner, going for a picnic

### General

Thank you to all the parents and children that have the correct uniform and coats. Please check the website to ensure you have the correct items as exact dress types and colour combinations are on there. Please could we request you write your child's name in all clothing because we don't want you to spend any more money on uniform than you need to.

Attendance and punctuality is very important to us and your children and it is important your child is at school on time every day. The Foundation stage door will be opened at 8:45am and closed at 8:55am every morning. Anyone arriving after this will need to go to the main office to sign in. From Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September we will be using both doors to see the children out at the end of the day. Please check the list on the board outside the cloakroom to see which door your child will be at. Finally, please bear with us at home times whilst collection lists are updated. Safeguarding is our number 1 priority and we will not allow a child to leave unless their adult's name is on our list. This will get faster as we learn your names and faces but it will take us a while. Many thanks for your patience.