

**BARDNEY CE & METHODIST PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**Reception Newsletter**

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**Welcome**

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all children and parents to Reception. We hope that your children are excited about being at school this year and feel comfortable and settled in the classroom. We understand that children can often feel worried and apprehensive about their first year in school so please feel free to come and speak to us either first thing in the morning or after school if you have any worries. There will be a scheduled open evening and parent's evenings later in the term, but if you wish to speak to us sooner please do not hesitate to come into school.



**Curriculum Overview**

Our topic for this term is "Superheroes". We will be talking about our own special talents and learning about real heroes who help us in the community.



**Phonics:**

In Class 1 we have daily phonics sessions where children will learn the sounds of the letters of the alphabet. After learning only a few sounds, children will then begin learning to blend these sounds together to read simple words. The first set of sounds learnt will be; s, a, t, p, i, n, m, d. It will help the children retain their knowledge of these sounds if they practise recognising them frequently at home.



**Snack Time:**

At mid-morning each day the children have snack time. We encourage all of the children to try and eat the fruit which is provided by school, however we realise that some children may not like certain types of fruit. If you wish to provide a mid-morning snack for your child it would be helpful if they could bring it in their book folder so it is easy for them to find to put in the snack box when they arrive. If snacks could be named it would be extremely helpful.



**PE**

P.E will be on a Friday afternoon. The children will be having multi skills lessons with our P.E coach, Mr Rose. The children can leave their P.E kits at school for the week rather than taking them home each day.



**Reading**

During the next few weeks your child will receive a reading book and flashcards to take home. This could be a picture book to develop language and comprehension, or a book with words in. We assess the children's level of comprehension before sending books home and try to give them a book which is appropriate to their ability. We have limited numbers of the first stage of books; therefore we may have to stagger how we send them out. The children will also be given a blue reading record book for you to record when they have read at home. If you just sign the book on the day your child has read then we can give them a house point on their chart. If you would like any further information about the reading scheme, or some tips on reading with your child at home, please come in and speak to us.



**Spare Clothes**

We find that in their first year of school, children can occasionally have accidents and need a change of clothes. Although we do have spare clothes in school, it would be helpful if you could provide spare underwear, socks and trousers/ a skirt and leave them in your child's P.E bag, as space in the cloakroom is somewhat limited for additional bags of clothes!

**Homework**

At this point in the year the only homework we expect reception children to complete is their reading and flashcards. As the school year progresses the children will be provided with topic homework and optional homework for the half term holidays.



**School Uniform**

Please ensure that **all** items of uniform are named so that children end up in the correct clothes after P.E. It is also advisable to name the inside of shoes as children will often have the same shoes as somebody else.

We are excited about the year ahead of us in Reception and look forward to working with you this year!

Mrs Knight, Mrs Ruane, Miss Lambert and Miss Hinch

