



# Reception Newsletter

Copthorne Primary School

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## Welcome to Reception!

Welcome back, and welcome to Reception! We hope you all had a lovely holiday. We are looking forward to the new half term, as there are lots of exciting things ahead. All the children have settled well over the last couple of weeks, and ready to embrace their learning. We would like to thank you in advance for your support in making sure all children wear the correct uniform, complete and hand in their homework, practise their bear words, practise their handwriting and phonics at home. All of these things are essential to your child's progress.

During our English lessons, we will be reading well known books by Mick Inkpen and reading the classic 'Goldilocks and The Three Bears'. Please encourage your children to speak and think about their learning in class. We will be having some exciting things happening in Reception, which will enhance your children's writing; encouraging them to use their bear words to enhance their sentences. We are having a big focus on improving the children's writing through the correct use of phonics, tricky and decodable words. We are encouraging the children to form their letters correctly. Your children will receive their phonics homework on a Monday and Wednesday and should be handed back in the following morning. Maths homework will be sent home on a Friday to be completed over the weekend.

Throughout this half term, in our Maths lessons, we will be developing our counting skills, matching numbers to different amounts and naming 2D and 3D shapes.

We will be starting our PE lessons after the October half term. Please ensure your child has black pumps/trainers, black trousers or shorts and a white t-shirt. We will not be participating in outdoor PE so your child should not need a jumper for this year. Please ensure all items of clothing are labelled clearly. This includes shoes.

If you have any queries about your child's education, please feel free to make an appointment by speaking to us.

*Miss Holmes & Miss Birchall*

Reception Teachers



This half term we will be starting our exciting topic 'All About Me.' We will explore what makes us the same and what makes us different.

We are also looking at Wassily Kandinsky in Art. In Music we are learning a new bank of songs.

On Thursday mornings there will be an opportunity for you and your child to choose a book together to read at home.

## Reminders

### Homework

All homework, whether this be written or practising their reading, is distributed every Monday and Wednesday and should be returned and completed to a high standard by the following morning. The homework should be completed independently by the children which encourages their pencil control. Word books will be completed daily, please ensure your child brings their book to school each day. The activities set all relate to, and support your child's current learning in class.

Please encourage your child to keep their books in a good condition, as this will help them take pride in their work.

**Please access ParentHub and search for Reception's channel  
62727606.**

### PE Times

#### Nutmeg Class

Tuesday and Thursday

#### Hazel Class

Wednesday and Friday

**Please ensure that your child is sent to school with their FULL labelled PE kit on these days. This includes trainers or pumps.**

