



## Welcome to Reception

Hello everyone,

I hope that you have enjoyed some wonderful experiences over the summer. It was lovely to meet you all at Aston Bear club and I enjoyed spending time with the children in their Pre-school settings.

We begin our term with our Baseline period when we get to know each other. We will set out our routine, find out what everyone likes to do (and maybe doesn't like to do!) and take time to get ready for our more formal learning. There will be lots of play time and lots of activities that get our bodies ready to learn. These activities will help with concentration, strength to write, strength to be able to sit, balance and core skills that help our bodies be healthier and fitter.

Our PE days will be **Mondays** and **Fridays**, please come in your school PE kit on those days. We will start PE on our first Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September.

Please ensure you bring a labelled water bottle, freshly filled each day to stay hydrated whilst in school. Fruit is provided for a morning snack every day and milk is an option at lunchtime. Please also label all clothing including shoes. If you can please provide your child with a pair of wellies that can stay in school for use in our new outdoor area. Let us know if you would like to use some of our spare wellies. Please also use one of our school bags so they will fit in your child's tray.

I would like to reassure you that the emotional development of our children will be a constant focus as we begin our journey together. We welcome the transition bears into school as they will help with settling in. They will also be vital when each child has a turn at making a weekend journal.

If you require any more information or have any questions, then please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office.

Kind regards

Mrs Donaldson

# Reception Class

## Newsletter Term 1



### Personal, Social & Emotional Development

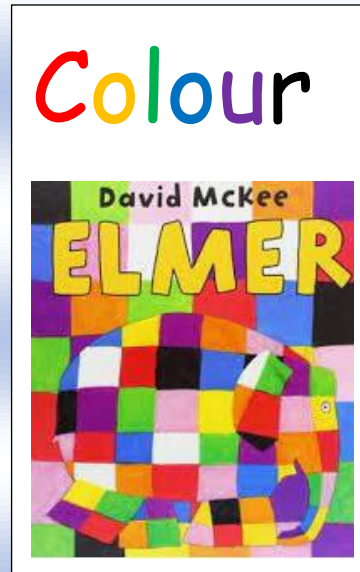
- Sharing feelings with others
- Forming friendships
- Learning about our class and school rules and why we have them
- Learning to take turns and share resources

### Physical Development

- controlling our body in movements
- moving to music
- following instructions
- strengthening our hands ready for writing
- PE is on Mondays and Fridays.**
- PLEASE NO EARRINGS FOR PE - NO SHOELACES PLEASE**

### Communication & Language and Literacy

- Listening to stories with increased attention
- Responding to simple instructions
- Talking about past experiences in own life
- Using language to imagine and recreate roles and experiences in play situations
- Physical literacy activities to help with pre-writing skills



### Expressive arts and design

- Painting pictures for display
- Exploring our creative area
- Engaging in role play
- Exploring sounds of instruments

### Understanding the World

- Exploring using our senses
- Exploring colour
- Focus on a different colour each week.
- Colour table of the week - finding things to make a new display every week

### Mathematics

- Joining in number rhymes
- Counting objects up to 5
- sorting objects by colour
- Recognising numbers of significance
- Continuing a pattern



### You Can Help by:

- Reading stories to your child
- Talking about what they have done at school
- Looking at different colours
- Make sure your child has gone to the toilet before coming to school
- Putting names in all clothing
- Sending a coat to school EVERYDAY

