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Reception Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parent/Guardian.

I hope you have enjoyed a pleasant Summer break and that your child feels excited about starting this new phase of their education. There are always so many new things to learn in these first few days of school. These are certainly very unusual times in which we find ourselves at the moment, but we will all do our best to ensure your child has a happy and memorable start to school life.

Staffing

This year I will be continuing to work alongside Mrs Louise Midgley, who is a very experienced Teaching Assistant and has been working in Early Years with me for a number of years. Another teacher you will be seeing on a regular basis is Mrs Edwina Subritzky. She will be teaching the class on Thursday mornings, whilst I take my statutory P.P.A. (Planning, Preparation and Assessment) time. Also, once every four weeks, I will be taking my Leadership Planning time. On these occasions (Tuesday afternoons) Mrs Lucie Rowntree will be teaching the class.

Our Learning

Detailed curriculum content can be found in the Thematic Overviews and Long Term plans on the Reception page of the school website.

First Half Term

- Topic- Traditional Tales
- Harvest and Autumn

Please note, that due to the nature of the Early Years curriculum, we very much follow the interests of the children and this greatly enriches their learning experiences. For this reason, the 'planned' topic is used as a loose framework only. Please be assured that the same learning objectives are covered, whatever the topic!

Useful Resources to Support Learning

- Please refer to our Reception page on our school website for a useful list of educational websites to help your child's learning

Appointments

- As you will be fully aware, parents are presently not allowed to enter the school building and therefore I am unable to have those informal discussions with you about your child at the moment. However, if you have any concerns or queries, please do ring or email me and I will do my best to address any issues you have.
- If you wish to contact me through our school email, then my email address is caroline.gilderdale@dunnington.yorkschoools.net I check this on a *daily basis*.

Birthday Assemblies

Unfortunately, due to the present Covid restrictions, the school hall is out of use for any assemblies and gatherings and therefore Birthday Assemblies cannot take place for now. However, we will ensure that we 'celebrate' each child's birthday in the classroom and make it a special time for them. I apologise that we cannot ask you to join us for this. Also, please do not send your child with any toy/birthday gift to show.

I do hope this letter has been helpful and informative. You will receive more information and updates on a regular basis through school emails. I do appreciate that there are inevitably some changes to our normal daily routines and practices and some things will feel a little different.

Luckily, the children will be none the wiser! To them, this will be an exciting and rewarding adventure!

I look forward to a busy and productive term with you all.

With best wishes

Caroline Gilderdale