

"With Christ in our hearts, together we grow."

Reception Parent Planning Week Beginning 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Welcome A very warm welcome to you all from the Reception staff. It has been wonderful getting to know your children and we are very proud of the way they have settled, in what is a very stressful time for them. Having completed a whole week, the children are very tired and looking forward to their weekend. Remember that if you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to talk to any of the adults in the classroom. If someone else is picking up your child, it is important that you inform the school. We will not release the children to anyone without prior knowledge.	Learning Through Play The Reception team have planned their classrooms with the interests of their children in mind and we have enjoyed watching them explore and investigate all that is on offer. By playing alongside your children and chatting to them, we are getting to know them and how their skills and knowledge are developing. Mrs Clark will be running a workshop to explain more about the EYFS at 9am and 5pm on Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> September in the KS1 hall. Please come along and find out more.	Letter Sounds of the Week We are introducing phonics to the children using the Letters and Sounds programme, along with Ruth Miskin cards. These will be displayed in your child's classroom for you to look at. This week's sounds are: i – down the body and a dot for the head p – down the plait and over the pirates face n – down Nobby and over his net At home: look out for these letters in the books you share with your child. Practice saying the sounds these letters make.	<ul> <li>Notes</li> <li>EYFS workshop – 27<sup>th</sup> September - 9am and 5pm</li> <li>PE kits are not needed until the Summer Term</li> <li>Please make sure your children have a coat and wellies. We will be using the outdoor learning environment every day.</li> <li>Please remind your children not to play with the school equipment at the end of the day.</li> <li>Please check your child's book bags for letters and notes from school.</li> </ul>
Personal, Social and Emotional Development RE Your child's emotional well-being is very important to us. If you have any worries about your child, please talk to their class teacher. We are helping the children to get to know us, and all of the other children in their class. We are talking about our names and the things we like to do. It is important that the children feel confident enough to make friends, enjoy playing together and have fun. Our current RE 'Come and See' topic is 'Myself' and the children have been learning our class prayers.	Learning Journals These are a record of your child's time in Reception and will be given to you at the end of the year. It is a collection of photographs, pieces of art work, mark making and observations. To start the journals off, we would appreciate it if you would bring in a couple of photographs showing your child with other members of their family, and/or pets. These photographs really get the children talking and help us to get to know your children well. Throughout the year there will be opportunities to come in to the classroom at the beginning of the day to look at the journal with your child.	MathsWe are supporting the children's number skills through practical games and challenges that encourage them to count, such as building towers and counting jewels.We are practicing writing the numbers 1 and 2 this week using number ditties. These will be displayed in the classroom.At home: Spot the numbers 1 and 2 when you are playing with your children, at the supermarket etc. How many can they see?	<b>Reading</b> Every week the children will be bringing home a book from the school library. The key to being a successful reader is to have a love of books. All of the research on successful reading shows that parents reading to their children and sharing books with them, has a huge impact on their emotional well-being and ability to access learning. Children love repetition, so may ask for the same books over and over again. This helps them to make sense of the stories and gives them a 'feel good' factor. After October half term more information will be sent out about reading schemes and helping your child learn to read.