

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

WELCOME TO ELEPHANT CLASS



What a super start!

We have had a super week in Reception and all the children have settled so well into Elephant Class. We are very proud of how confidently they are coming into school, getting to know their new classroom and beginning to learn our daily routines.

Thank you for helping the children arrive ready for the day. The first few weeks are all about feeling safe, happy and secure, and the children have already made a lovely start.

OUR LEARNING THIS HALF TERM

Teddy bears, ourselves, families and feelings

This half term we will be learning about Teddy Bears, Ourselves, Family, and Feelings and Emotions. We will spend lots of time talking, playing, listening, sharing stories and learning how to be part of our Reception classroom community.

- Settling into school and learning our routines.
- Talking about ourselves, our families and the people who are special to us.
- Exploring feelings and emotions, including how we can name them and talk about them.
- Building confidence, independence and friendships through play.

RECEPTION BASELINE ASSESSMENT

Taking place this week

The Government Reception Baseline Assessment (RBA) will be taking place this week. Please see the attached information sheet for further details. The assessment is

short, practical and completed one-to-one with a teacher. Children do not need to prepare for it, and it is not a pass or fail activity.

RECEPTION TEAM

Adults working in Reception

- Mrs Simmons
- Mrs Ridgeway
- Miss Key
- Mrs Symington

Mrs Symington will be the class teacher when Mrs Simmons is not in class.

STUDENT SUPPORT

Frankie

We also have a student, Frankie, helping us in Reception on Mondays and Thursdays.

PHONICS AND MATHS

Starting in Week 3

In Week 3, we will begin our phonics and maths teaching. Further information will follow so that you know what we are learning and how you can support your child at home.

HELPFUL REMINDERS

Things to bring each day

Coats: Please make sure children bring a coat every day, as the weather can change quickly and we try to get outside whenever we can.

Water Bottles: Please can they not be put inside book bags as they always leak and we don't want to spoil school books once we start sending them home. Many thanks for your support with this.

QUESTIONS OR QUERIES

Please get in touch

If you have any questions or queries, please get in touch with us and we will sort them out. We are looking forward to a lovely half term together in Elephant Class.

Thank you for your continued support,
Mrs Simmons and the Reception Team