

Early Years Newsletter Autumn Term 2021



Tannery Drift
First School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to all our families, those who know us well and those who are new to our school. We hope you are ready for lots of exciting learning in the Autumn term in our Early Years classes. Thank you for your support in making the children's transition to Tannery Drift happy and successful.

We have spent time over the last few weeks preparing our classrooms, garden and courtyard so the children are able to access lots of opportunities for exploring and playing, indoors and outdoors.

Curriculum Overviews for the Autumn term are available on the school website on the class pages. These give a flavour of what your child will be learning about over the coming weeks. Any support you are able to provide on these topics will enrich their learning experiences.

Topics and themes for this half-term

This half term, Nursery and Reception will be getting to know each other and making new friends. We will use our green scrap books as a starting point for discussions, which for Reception children have been sent home. Please return these to school as soon as possible, so they can be shared with the class. These will then be returned home every school holiday for you to add more photos and pictures for us to share.

During the term all our Early Years classes will enjoy trips to our school wildlife area to explore seasonal changes, discover wildlife and participate in forest school themed activities. Please ensure your child is prepared for all weathers and has a coat and pair of wellies in school.

We are so lucky to have a wide range of resources in our environment, however, we would be grateful for any donations of push chairs, dolls, natural baskets, plants, loose parts

(nuts and bolts, guttering, curtain hoops, golf tees, buttons). We also like to supply the children with a range of junk modelling boxes and containers (small cardboard boxes, tubes, plastic pots and containers), that they can fix and join together to build models. If you are able to bring in these items from your recycling, we would make good use of them in our classrooms!

Communication from School

Our class pages of the website provide more information about our learning intentions in the Early Years and also provide links to our half-termly curriculum maps which detail what we will be focussing on across each area of learning. To keep informed about important school dates and events please refer to the school website and read our weekly school newsletter that is sent via ParentMail.

Tapestry and Parent Contributions

In Early Years we always value your contributions to your child's learning and development. As you are aware, we use the online learning journal,

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Tapestry, to record what your child is learning throughout the year and publish observations that you are able to comment on. As well as this, we would also like to encourage you to upload observations of what your child achieves at home. These can be moments that they are particularly proud of or something you recognise them doing for the first time.

PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING!

The importance of this cannot be stressed enough! Please make sure that **everything** your child brings to school is clearly labelled with their name, including their shoes! Whether you sew in labels, use self-adhesive ones or a permanent pen, please make sure you do this. Unlabelled items are extremely hard to match up to their owner and young children often do not recognise their belongings, especially when they look almost identical to everyone else's. This can cause distress and upset which is easily avoidable.

Plimsolls

If your child does not yet have a pair of plimsolls at school, please provide them with a pair as soon as possible. All children change into indoor shoes when they come inside and as the weather becomes wetter and muddier this is even more necessary.

Wellies

Please also provide wellies and a weather appropriate coat as the children will be outside in all weathers. As the weather begins to get colder and wetter, it is **essential** that all the children have these.

Water bottles and book bags

School water bottles and book bags are ideal for your child to bring each day as they can be easily and clearly labelled. Please remember that classroom water bottles should only contain water.

Accidents

As your child starts Nursery or Reception, toilet accidents may happen, even if they have previously not been an issue. Often children get so engrossed in what they are doing that by the time they realise they need to go to the toilet it is too late! Accidents are always dealt with sensitively by staff and if your child does not

have their own spare clothes at school, they will be provided with some. However, we do not have a limitless supply so would be grateful if your child could bring in a set of spare clothes in a separate bag that can stay on their peg at school.

Toys

We ask that children do **not** bring toys to school.

PE

PE will be on Monday for all children. Reception children will come to school in their PE kit.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 6th October 6pm – Early Years Parent Information Evening (virtual)*

Tuesday 12th October – Early Years Open Morning (prospective Nursery and Reception parents)*

Tuesday 19th & Thursday 21st October – Parent Consultations*

Wednesday 17th November – Early Years Open Morning (prospective Nursery and Reception parents)*

Wednesday 17th November – Arts Week Art Gallery

**Further details to follow*

**Best wishes from
The Early Years Team**



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