

RECEPTION YEAR



As your child's first class teacher, I would like to welcome you to our school. Don't forget to visit our website, to receive all our latest updates.

Mrs Prudham



discussions to develop their confidence in their speaking and listening skills.



In **Literacy** the children will begin to learn how to read by learning their Phase 2 'Letters and Sounds'. These will be sent home on cards. Each child will bring home a reading book of their own choice that will be changed regularly.



They will also participate in Guided reading. In phonics we will be exploring the sounds in words and the children will learn how to blend and segment them in order to read simple sentences. A lot of work will be done on recognising the letters of the alphabet and beginning to write letters. The children will try out their writing skills on whiteboards, in their books and in their play.

The Reception children will be kept busy getting to know Hazlehurst and the people in it, as well as working hard in the classroom!

The children will be studying the 7 areas of the Foundation Stage to cover the Early Learning Goals:

- 1 Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- 2 Physical Development
- 3 Communication and Language
- 4 Literacy
- 5 Mathematics
- 6 Understanding of the World
- 7 Expressive Arts and Design

In **Personal, Social and Emotional Development** the main emphasis of the children's work at the beginning of this term is to learn the day to day routines within the school which will help them settle in more easily.



Communication and Language involves giving the children a rich language environment. This will be done through small scale

In **Mathematical Development** the children will be counting forwards, backwards and calculating what number comes before/after a given number. They will be making patterns and sequencing with 2 and 3 colours, as well as sorting into sets. The children will be learning to write and form their numbers correctly.





In **Understanding of the World**, and to make the children more familiar with their new surroundings, they will be getting to know more about the geographical features of the school building and its grounds. The topics for this term are 'People who help us', 'All about me', 'Autumn', 'Colour & Christmas'. The children will use simple software programmes as a class on the interactive whiteboard and individually on the computer.

The children will be encouraged to bring to discussions all they know about themselves and their families. They will find out about growth and change both as people and in the environment.



In **Expressive Arts and Design** the children will get real enjoyment from their music study this term as they learn and perform several simple songs at their Christmas Concert. They will be introduced to the percussion instruments and will hear the kinds of sounds they make and be shown how to create them.



The focus of the design technology this term will be 'hands on' work. The children will be undertaking different cutting activities to improve their co-ordination. They will be encouraged to play with small toys and to create their own models using the large construction kits. They will have the opportunity to fit together jigsaws of varying size and difficulty. You can help by encouraging them to cut-out at home and helping them to hold scissors correctly.

In Art the children will be working with the primary colours. Through painting they will be mixing their own secondary colours and producing some wonderful images! Through these painting exercises they will experiment with thick and thin brushes to find out what kinds of effects can be achieved from them.



Some of the children's **Physical Development** is catered for in PE. After all their hard work they get to unwind in PE in our school hall. Our Games this term will be being taught by a Sports Coach. The children will be learning all about working as a team and taking turns. Please make sure your child has a named navy blue sweatshirt and navy blue jogging bottoms (no logo) and a pair of trainers in their P.E bags as we do Games outside! In addition to this, the children will begin to learn about the benefit of exercise and will be encouraged to try a variety of fruits at break time. The children will be using the outdoor equipment, including bats and balls and scooters. Throughout the day the children will have the opportunity to extend their learning through areas of provision set up outside.



As parents, please feel free to come in and talk to the class teachers at the beginning or end of each day. Mr. Golding is also available to hear any concerns, good ideas or suggestions you may wish to share with us. We look forward to hearing from you! Have you told us everything we need to know about your child, e.g. allergies, diet, health, glasses? Do we have your correct phone numbers?

Assessment of your child's progress is recorded throughout the year. A formal assessment progress form will be completed at the end of the year.

Parents' Evenings to discuss your child's progress have been arranged for Wednesday 18th October 9—10.30am and Thursday 19th October 6.00 pm — 8.30pm. Appointment slips will be sent home.

Mrs D Prudham
Reception Teacher