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# RECEPTION NEWS

Welcome to the Reception Class! The children have already begun to settle in well to their classroom. The Reception team are enjoying getting to know the children and their interests.



This half term we will be working hard to settle into Reception by thinking about our own class rules and making new friends. We will also be thinking about our needs and feelings.

Our topic for this half term is called "Ourselves". We will be having lots of fun in our home role play area.



## Phonics

During this half term we will be working on many new sounds from the jolly phonics scheme. We will be sending a sound book home each week so that you can recap on the sounds covered in class. There will be an information slip inside this book.

Next week we will be sending some maths games home. We have a range of games and appreciate that some may be easier than others. All we ask is for you to play and enjoy the games with your child. The games will be placed in book bags every Thursday. The maths games must be returned by the following Thursday. We will also send out some reading books towards the end of this half term. Please do not expect your child to be able to read the words in the books. However we would like you to encourage your child to use the pictures to help them to tell their own story. You may change your books in the hall as and when you like (up to 2 books at a time). The lilac books will be kept on top of the bookshelf in the hall. Please make a comment in the reading record about how your child got on. We collect reading records weekly on a Friday so please make sure they are kept in school bags.

## Dough Disco

Next week we will be engaging in daily dough disco sessions. This is exercise for the fingers to improve fine motor control and gross motor skills. It helps to develop our gross motor skills as we are using the dough as a weight, so lots of lifting with straight arms, and round and round with extended arms. Fine motor control is developed through pinching, poking, rolling and squeezing. If you would like to see an example of "Dough Disco" please search for Shonette Bason-Wood on google.

