September 2020



Welcome to Reception!

We hope you have all had a fantastic summer and that the children are enjoying the first week in their new class. They have coped exceptionally well in adjusting to their new environment in Reception and we have had a great week getting to know each other so far. We have to say, it was lovely to see them all looking very smart in their new uniforms! We will be emailing out newsletters monthly to let you know what we are up to, so please keep an eye out.

Reception Staff

Below is a reminder of the staff in Reception.

Mrs Spencer - Teacher (RSS: Monday to Wednesday) Mrs Smith- Teacher (RSS: Wednesday to Friday) Miss Pickersgill- HLTA (RSS) Mrs Hawley – HLTA (RSS PPA cover) Miss Miya – Teacher (RM) Mrs Pickersgill – Teaching Assistant (RM) Mrs Pine – HLTA (RM PPA Cover)

Routines

Thank you for supporting your children in on a morning and helping them settle at the door and come into school so amazingly! We are delighted at how confident the children have become, independently putting their things away before we join as a class for the register.

Belongings

We would like to ask that all book bags, water bottles, cardigans, jumpers and coats are labelled clearly with your child's name.

PE Kits

A quick reminder that children are **not** required to bring a PE kit into school until after the Easter term. We will communicate this to you, closer to the time.

Lunches (RSS)

If your child is bringing a packed lunch to school, please remember that we require pack lunches to be nut, seed, egg and cereal free due to allergies in the class.

Wellies

Please can you send a pair of named wellies for your child which can be kept at school for use in the outside garden.

Twitter

We really enjoy sharing the children's learning environment, and activities we do in class with you via Twitter. We update this regularly throughout the week to keep you up to date with what is going on in school. Please return your twitter form and request to follow the

class page.

@OPALG_RSS2021 @OPALG_RM2021

Resources

We are always really grateful for any resources we can use especially things we can use to make models at school. Please see below a list of resources we are always looking for to enhance our modelling area.

- cardboard tubes
- various sizes of cardboard boxes
- pasta
- buttons
- ribbons
- tin foil
- yoghurt pots
- materials
- anything interesting that you have spare and you think the children will enjoy using!

All resources will be quarantined for at least 72 hours before use. Unfortunately, we cannot accept any boxes or containers that have had seeds or nuts in them.

Learning Log/Homework

Every **Friday**, your child will bring home a learning log task. Learning logs are to be completed and returned the following Thursday. Inside your learning log, you will also find a slip which you can complete to tell us about any learning experiences your child has had, or a new skill they have achieved that week. This can be anything from practising numbers, learning how to read new sounds or getting a swimming badge!

Reading

At Lofthouse Gate we love to read. Each term we will have our 5 favourite class books to enjoy with the children. This term our favourite 5 books are;

> Mr Gumpy's Outing Lost and found The Gruffalo



Chocolate Mousse for a Greedy Goose We're Going on a Bear Hunt

We hope you enjoy listening to all the stories about your child's fantastic first week in school and we can't wait to see them again on Monday. The doors will continue to open at 9am for your child to come into class and please collect your children at 3:30pm.

The Reception team