Friday 10th September 2021



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 main staff in Reception.

Mrs Spencer- Teacher (RSS: Monday to Wednesday) Mrs Smith - Teacher (RSS: Wednesday to Friday) Miss Pickersgill - HLTA (RSS) Mrs Sadler - Teaching Assistant (RSS) Mrs Halligan - Teaching Assistant (RSS) Mrs Hawley - HLTA (RSS PPA Cover) Miss Bowe - Teacher (RB) Mrs Pickersgill - Teaching Assistant (RB) Mr Littler-Moore - HLTA (RB PPA Cover)

Routines

Thank you for supporting your children 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 and 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, hats and coats are labelled clearly with your child's name, thank you. **Polite request: Could coats and water bottles not be put in book bags please.**

P.E Kits

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

Lunches

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.

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_RSS2122 @OPALG_RB2122

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!

Reminder: 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, reading book and reading diary. These 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 achieve 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 Stuck Owl Babies



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 8:50am for your child to come into class and please collect your children at 3:15pm. Do not hesitate to speak to a member of the team if you have any questions.

The Reception Team 🙂

