

Welcome to Reception at The Raleigh!

We have been so pleased with how the children have settled. They are quickly making friends and picking up the new routines. We have been particularly impressed by how the children have come in at the start of each session and this will be invaluable next week when all the children come in together. If any of your personal circumstances change, please do let us know. Please always check the school website (<https://www.theraleigh.org>) before emailing or telephoning the school.

When emailing please use
admin.raleigh@sfjet.org

Plimsolls

Please ensure your child has a pair of clearly named plimsolls in school at all times. A fun job at home could be to paint their initials or a picture on with fabric pens or nail varnish. This makes them instantly recognizable to your child when their plimsolls are in the cloakroom with 30 other identical pairs!

We will send these home half termly for you to check they still fit.

Reception Curriculum Evening

Wednesday 27th September 2023 6-7pm

We would like to invite you to an information evening to find out about the Early Years' Curriculum.

We will give you ideas for how you can help your child with phonics, reading and maths.

The meeting will be held in the school hall.

PE and games are on **Tuesdays**. It is helpful if children do not wear tights to school on those days. We go outside for games even on chilly, soggy days so please make sure they have the appropriate kit to take part.



Reading

As a school, we are very keen to promote reading and, as such, you will be thrilled to know the children will read a book at school at least once a day. Each week, your child will bring a selection of books home and will also have some on the virtual library. They change them throughout the week so please ensure the books are always in their book bags. Please encourage your child to read to you at least 3 times a week at home and make a note of the date and title in their reading

record book, along with any comments you would like to make. Your child will also bring home a 'phonics book' where each week we will update the sounds we have been learning; please practise these as much as possible as it will be so beneficial. More information about our approach to reading will be given at the curriculum meeting on Wednesday 27th September at 6pm.



Required Items

Please ensure that, unless we have a sudden return to summer weather, your child has a named coat with them every day, as well as a filled, named water bottle. Please keep these out of book bags as it only takes a loose lid for there to be a leak.

We often need glue sticks and tissues so please do send some in with your child—they will be for communal use. We will let you know when stocks are running low.

We provide your child with a piece of fruit or vegetable every morning but please do feel free to send in a small piece of fruit for your child's afternoon snack for example a banana or apple, not in a pot.

All About Me!

Many thanks to those of you who have returned the 'All About Me' form from your induction pack.

This information is so valuable and we refer to it regularly in these first few weeks. If you have not yet returned yours, please do so as soon as possible.

Also, please do send in a small family photo for your child's classroom square.

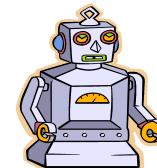
Topic Coverage

This term we have lots of exciting topics which we are sure the children will really enjoy! They are...

Week beginning:

4th Sept: Our School/Ourselves
25th Sept/2nd Oct: Nursery Rhymes
9th Oct: Autumn

16th Oct: Autumn
30th Oct: Bonfire Night
6th/ 13th Nov: Diwali
20th/ 27th Nov: Toys
4th Dec Winter
11th Dec: Christmas



If you have any books or resources that might be helpful for any of these topics please send them in during the appropriate week. Please ensure that anything that you send in is clearly named.

Thanks!

Thank you for your continued support,
Mrs Robinson
Miss Barnes
Mrs Conisbee
Mrs Bonnar
Miss Taylor