

## 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 how quickly you have been leaving them once they are happy. This will be invaluable next week when all the children come in together.

We completely understand that some children do still need the support of a parent or carer to settle them and if this is the case please feel free to continue with this.

Also, in order to help us keep the classrooms looking lovely, please avoid walking across the grass but stick to the path. Thank you!

## Reading

As a school we are very keen to promote reading and as such you will have seen that your child brought a book home from school on their very first day. At the moment most children will have complete free choice from the books available. Your child will remain on this free choice until we feel that s/he is confident enough with letter recognition to begin to read simple texts. In the meantime please get into the habit of sharing their chosen book every day and making a note of the date and title in their reading record book, along with any comments you would like to make.

We will visit the library once a week, just to share a story for now. The children will begin to take books out for use at home, after the half-term break.

## 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.

They also need a small packet of tissues in their book bag which will be for their own use.

Thanks to those of you have already sent in a glue stick. Due to the way in which we work, these will be for communal use and as such do not need to be named. We will let you know when stocks are running low.

## P.E. & Games Sessions

The children will have indoor P.E. or outdoor Games on either **Mondays or Wednesdays this term**. We alternate PE & Games so they need both kits in school at all times.

Please ensure all kit (including plimsolls) is clearly named.



## Reception Curriculum Evening

Monday 1st October 7-8pm

We would like to invite you to an information evening to find out about the Early Years' Curriculum. We will also give you ideas for how you can help your child with phonics, reading and numeracy. The meeting will be held in the school hall.

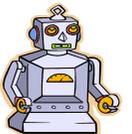
The meeting is on the same night as our first Friends of the Raleigh meeting of the year and they would love to see any of you who are interested in becoming involved once our meeting has finished.

## Topic Coverage

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

### Week beginning:

10 / 17 Sept	Our School/ Ourselves
24 Sep / 1 Oct	Nursery Rhymes
8 Oct	The Elves and the Shoemaker
15 Oct	Red Riding Hood
29 Oct	Bonfire Night
5 Nov	Diwali
12 Nov	Dragonflies
19 / 26 Nov	Toys
3 / 10 / 17 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!