



# Nursery and Reception Autumn Newsletter



Welcome to our first newsletter which will give you a broad outline of what your child will be learning this term. Our main topics are 'If you go down to the woods today...', 'Autumn' and 'Celebrations'. The first two weeks will focus on settling in, establishing routines and creating a class charter. We hope the curriculum information supports you in encouraging your child's development at home.

## Communication and Language

- Developing listening skills
- Answering simple questions about a story
- Learning familiar rhymes and songs
- Talking about experiences



## Physical Development

- Manipulating objects with good control
- Moving in different ways
- Developing pencil control and grip



## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- Gaining independence when choosing where to play
- Tidying up resources when finished
- Building positive relationships with adults and peers
- Following classroom routines and boundaries



## Literacy



Nursery

- Joining in and exploring simple stories and rhymes
- Exploring mark making techniques
- Distinguishing between marks they make

Reception

- Identifying main story setting and events
- Beginning to blend sounds into simple words
- Labelling with some initial sounds
- Writing own name

## Mathematics



Nursery

- Reciting numbers to 5 and 10 through songs, stories and in their play
- Recognising familiar shapes

Reception

- Subitising to 5 using resources and fingers
- Recognising numerals to 10
- Matching numeral to quantity 1-10
- Comparing quantities up to 5

## Understanding the World

- Naming and describing familiar people
- Using their senses to explore
- Talking about autumn
- Sharing news and remembering special times shared with their friends and families
- Developing an understanding of different cultures



## Expressive Arts and Design

- Using story telling in role play
- Using a range of techniques
- Experimenting with colour
- Exploring different sounds



## EYFS Fund

We currently ask for a voluntary contribution of 50p per week to our fund. Your contribution helps with ingredients for baking and playdough etc. Thank you.

## Topic

We will explore a range of fiction and non-fiction books beginning with 'The Gruffalo', and learn about woodland animals and their habitats. The children will have opportunities to engage in a range of themed activities and provision areas. We will then look at seasonal changes and talk about autumn. We will also be learning about celebrations including Halloween, Diwali, Bonfire Night and Christmas.

## Clothing

Children have daily access to the outdoor area so please ensure your child wears appropriate clothing when the weather becomes colder. We can provide children with a pair of wellies and waterproof clothes when needed. **Please ensure all clothing is clearly labelled with your child's name.**

## Jewellery and P.E

Children should only wear studs to school and should be removed for P.E if possible. Reception children will need to come to school wearing their P.E kits every Wednesday. School will provide children with a P.E shirt and shorts. Nursery will take part in a joint P.E session with Reception every Thursday afternoon. Thursday's sessions will focus on dance, movement, ring and team games. Children will not need to wear a P.E kit on Thursdays.



## Golden Time



Children will have daily Golden Time which will last 10 minutes at the end of the day. Golden Time will consist of fun activities such as musical statues, colouring or a food treat. Children can lose some or all of their daily Golden Time for making poor behaviour choices.

## Postcard from Dale

Have you received a postcard from Dale? Dale is Lingdale's school mascot. Children who work hard or achieve something special will receive a postcard.



## Reading books

Reception children will begin by taking home a picture book and reading record. Please encourage your child to talk about what is happening on each page. They could make up their own story to match the pictures. Please sign and write any comments in your child's reading record. If they receive three signatures from home they will be entered into a book draw in Friday's assembly to be in with a chance of winning a new book! Reception children will also choose a story book to take home for you to read to them. Please ensure book bags are in school every day. All books will be changed every Friday. We have a home loan system for the Nursery children. Please let a member of staff know if you would like to borrow a book.

## Scrap materials

We would really appreciate any scrap materials for our creative area e.g. cereal boxes, kitchen roll tubes, yoghurt pots, plastic containers, plastic milk bottles, corks and plastic bottle tops. No toilet roll tubes please. Thank you.

## Contact information

Keep up to date with what's happening in our class by 'liking' our school Facebook page (@lingdaleprimary) and visiting our class page on the school website: <https://www.lingdaleprimary.co.uk/eyfs/>

School contact number: 01287 651723

Miss Bussey's email address:  
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**If you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.**

**Thank you  
Miss Bussey, Miss Smith and Miss Schumm**



## Dates for your diary

- W/B Monday 6th September—Nursery start afternoons (staggered start dates)
- W/B Monday 13th September—30 hours Nursery provision starts
- PD Day— Monday 13th September (school closed)
- Early reading meeting for Nursery parents—Thursday 23rd September 3.45pm (details to follow)
- Early reading/phonics meeting for Reception parents —Tuesday 28th or Wednesday 29th September 3.45pm (details to follow)
- Guisborough Woods trip for Nursery and Reception — Wednesday 13th October (pm) — details to follow
- Parents' Evening 3-6pm — Monday 18th October
- Harvest Festival 1pm — Friday 22nd October
- Last day of term—Friday 22nd October
- PD Day—Monday 1st November (school closed)
- Halloween Disco (Rec-Y6 4.30-6pm, £2 per child)— Wednesday 3rd November
- Christmas Fayre 2pm —Monday 6th December
- Family bingo night with pie and pea supper— w/b 6th December (date tbc)
- Play Factory trip and meet Santa for Little Explorers and EYFS — w/b Monday 6th December (date tbc)
- Nursery and Reception Christmas craft afternoon for parents (tbc)
- KS1/Reception Christmas Performance (10.45am for parents) - Tuesday 14th December
- Carols around the Christmas tree for Little Explorers and Nursery 10.30am - Wednesday 15th December
- EYFS/KS1 Christmas Party afternoon—Wednesday 15th December
- Last day of term for Little Explorers and Nursery—Thursday 16th December
- Christmas jumper and Christmas dinner day—Friday 17th December
- Christingle for parents 2pm and last day of term—Friday 17th December