

Welcome to Reception

Autumn term 2023

Welcome to Reception at Woodwater Academy. Throughout the year we will provide you with termly overviews which will include information on what your child will be learning in school, upcoming dates, home learning support and key messages. Please read these carefully to ensure that you don't miss out on any information. We thank you in advance for support with your child's learning whilst in Reception and look forward to working together.

Staff in Reception

Donaldson Class: Nikki Kerswell (Class teacher)

Hughes Class: Eve Mills (Class teacher)

HLTA: Hester Watkins (Provides ppa class cover and interventions)

Teaching assistants who work across the two classes: Louise Beer, Amanda Willey, Julie Songhurst and Claire Jordan.

EYFS Unit Leader: Nikki Kerswell

Diary dates: None set at present

PE days: Wednesdays

(no PE kit is needed but long hair needs to be tied up, earrings removed or covered and children may wish to wear shorts under their dresses/skirts for modesty)

Swimming day: Fridays - Please bring a towel, swimsuit/shorts/trunks/goggles in a named bag

How you can help your child at home:

Share school and home books with your child and support them in gaining a love for books.

Practise writing their name with different writing media.

Go on a number hunt, looking for numbers in everyday environments. Practise counting objects in the home to 10.

Sing nursery rhymes to them.

Play board games with them, ensuring that they don't always win!

Go on seasonal walks and talk about what you see.

Encourage them to change their clothes, use the toilet and cut their food with cutlery independently

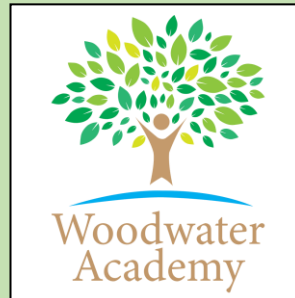
Tapestry

Please ensure that you regularly check Tapestry for communication memos and posts about your child's learning. Feel free to add photographs of wow moments from home by adding an observation to your child's journal.

Communication and Language

We will be:

- Making up stories and using the role-play resources
- Learning how to follow instructions
- Having the opportunity to speak in front of others
- Thinking of questions to further our learning



Literacy

We will be reading a selection of fiction and non-fiction books, some relating to our class authors. These will include 'Room on the Broom' and 'The Gruffalo' by Julia Donaldson and 'Alfie' by Shirely Hughes

Understanding the World

We will be:

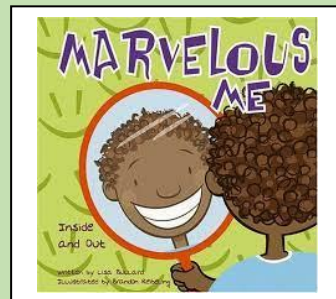
- Discussing ourselves including our likes and dislikes
- Comparing how we have grown and changed since we were babies
- Looking at our family tree
- Exploring 'Autumn' changes in the environment
- Discussing different celebrations and festivals such as birthdays and harvest.
- Exploring how to use ICT equipment including iPads, cameras and programmable toys.

Personal Social and Emotional Development

This term, we will be:

- Discussing the rules and expectations
- Encouraging turn taking and playing well alongside others
- Discussing how we can look after each other and the resources in our classrooms
- Looking at likes and dislikes

Marvellous me!



Mathematics

We will be:

- Sequencing the school day
- Measuring and comparing sizes of different story characters
- Playing number recognition games
- Counting everyday objects
- Describing the position of different objects
- Exploring 2D shapes and their properties

Expressive Arts and Design

We will be:

- Making and using musical instruments, exploring the sounds that they make
- Investigating how to mix colours
- Printing and threading with leaves
- Making playdough models using different tools
- Creating self-portraits with different media
- Experimenting with different joining techniques
- Making autumn art collages using natural materials
- Acting out the story of the Gruffalo

Physical Development

We will be:

- Learning how to stay healthy at school and home
- Discussing healthy eating
- Looking at the effects of exercise and taking our pulse
- Learning how to use equipment correctly and safely
- Developing our movement skills in PE sessions