



# Hilderthorpe Reception Newsletter



## Autumn One

We are thrilled to be welcoming our Reception children into school this half term. We hope you have had a lovely summer and are ready for an exciting year filled with lots of fantastic experiences and learning opportunities!

This half term our topic is 'Super Duper You'. We will be learning all about each other and the things that make us unique and special. We will be celebrating our differences and developing our relationships and new friendships. In the classrooms we will be creating displays showing pictures of our families and would like a family picture from every child to share and display (photographs will be copied and returned to you).

This half term we will be enjoying lots of activities to develop our gross and fine motor skills, these will include dough disco and squiggle while you wiggle! We will be practising forming letters and writing our names, this is something you can support your child with at home.

During PE we will be focusing on listening to, understanding and following instructions and exploring movement to music. Our PE day in Red and Blue Class is Monday. On a Monday children should come to school wearing their school PE kit.

Children will develop their literacy skills through daily phonics sessions. You can find out more information about our phonics programme Read Write Inc. online at <https://www.ruthmiskin.com/parents/>

We will be holding a phonics parents' information event on Tuesday 17th September. This will be at 2.45pm. This is an introduction to our phonics scheme Read Write Inc.

Daily mathematics in Reception is engaging and fun! Following Maths No Problem and Mastering Number, your child will explore all aspects of the maths curriculum using a wide range of resources. Your child will explore and develop their number skills practically, alongside a range of language rich texts.

This half term we will be recognising numbers, matching amounts, counting objects and beginning to compare quantities using mathematical language (more than, less than, greater than, fewer than). Singing counting songs is a super way to encourage and support early mathematical learning at home.

### Outdoor Learning

We like to spend time learning outdoors. Some of the benefits of enjoying the outdoors in all weathers are the sensory experiences of listening to and feeling the different weather conditions such as wind, rain and snow. We will be outdoor explorers- learning about the seasons and the changes that happen in the environment, identifying creatures and their habitats and growing herbs for our outdoor kitchens.

Children need to bring a named coat to school and in colder weather they will need appropriate outerwear- hats/gloves/scarves.

Children are welcome to bring a pair of named wellington boots to keep in school if they wish.

### Reading at home

Reading with your child is the greatest way you can support their early literacy skills.

Please share stories with your child and read their school book with them at least 3 times a week. Home reading is always celebrated through class rewards.

### Reminders:

- PE kit to be worn every Monday.
- Book bags to school everyday please (books will be changed on a Friday).
- Please can all children have a named water bottle in school every day.
- We are using Twitter, please follow us on Twitter @HilderthorpeSch to share our activities and celebrate our achievements.

