



# Reception Curriculum News

## Autumn 1

### 2024

Welcome to Squirrels and Badgers Class.

We hope you all had a good summer break.

We are so excited about meeting the children and sharing the learning that will be taking place in Reception.



#### The Reception Team

Badgers Class- Mrs Sangha and Miss Hussain

Squirrel Class- Miss Rani, Miss Barks and Mrs Rafique.

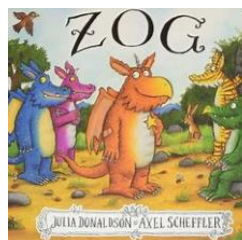
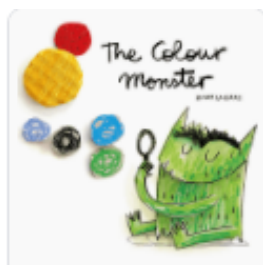
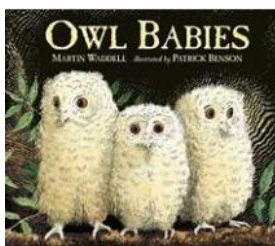
This half term our topic is about; **Me and My Community.**

We will be exploring, feelings, new environments and learning new routines in school. By giving focus and importance on our well-being and staying healthy, children will have opportunity to talk about what makes them feel better. We will also be thinking about how to be a good friend, reflecting on our families and people who are special to us.

#### Books and songs we will be focusing on this term:

Through stories, we will continue to explore and share our feelings and opinions.

Considering our own emotions and opinions and the differing emotions of others.



Head, Shoulders,  
Knees and Toes

Head tummy toes by Musical  
Exchanges

*5 little peas*

The children have so much to do and learn in reception that the days just fly by. We will start to teach the children Phonics soon and more information will be shared about this. This will be to support them with their reading and writing. We will share video clips helping you to support your child with forming writing patterns and letter formation. The children will also be securing a deeper understanding of numbers to 5 and comparing groups within five. We will be having a five party for the children in our class.



## Physical Development

Children's physical development is crucial to their overall development. As they build strength that enables them to grip a pencil and write. We are constantly supporting the children's physical development through daily dough disco, dancing, yoga and physical literacy to support their fine and gross motor development. As well as having time outside to run, jump and practice ball skills.

This term we will be going on a walk to our local Park to explore our local community and the world around us as well as making use of the park facilities to support the children's physical development.

In reception, throughout the year we focus on difference and diversity, learning about different celebrations, festivals and religions, in order to learn about and recognise that people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways. This term we will be celebrating World Mental Health Day.



Below are some questions you could ask your child at home to support your child's learning.

What do you like to do?

Can you show me different expressions?

How can you be kind?

Who are you friends?

What do you see on your way to school?

What do you see in your local environment?

What do you like playing with at school?

Where do you live?

Describe your house.

What is in your community?

What makes a good friend?

Can you describe the different buildings?

What makes you happy?

How are you feeling?

What are you excited about?

## Reading with your child

Sharing a book with your child is vital for your child's development in literacy, communication, language, listening, understanding, social development and emotional wellbeing. We will be holding a meeting on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 9.15** am where we will explain in more detail regarding reading expectations.



## PE and Games

PE will continue to take place on Thursday afternoons. Please make sure your child comes to school in their PE kit every Thursday. No jewellery and hair tied back. Children will take part in a variety of indoor and outdoor activities that continue to focus on fine and gross motor skills.

## Ways to help at home

- Encourage your child to be independent: getting dressed, feeding, and toileting. This will have a big impact on their confidence and help with their fine motor, which will support their writing.
- Share and talk about books together.
- Ask questions about your child's day at school
- Enjoy a bedtime story with your child to encourage love for books.
- Give your child lots of opportunity to draw and write.
- Practise counting forward and counting out objects. Practise recognising numbers to 5 and then 10.
- Support your child to recognise and write their name. (Capital letter for the first letter of the name only)

**Don't forget we are always here to help. We have an open door policy.  
New website details coming soon and Dojo details will become available.**

**Many thanks, Mrs Sangha, Miss Rani and the Reception Team**