

## Reception Newsletter



Welcome to all our new and returning children and families to Bridgewater! We hope you have all had a brilliant summer break. We understand that starting a new class and new school can be daunting and we want to reassure you that all the staff at Bridgewater are here to answer any questions you may have. We are really looking forward to getting to know you all and we have lots of fun experiences planned.

Thank you!

Mrs Cope, Miss Sandwell, Miss Cunliffe, Miss Ford, Mrs Saqlain, Mrs Houghton and Miss Boardman

### Reception Baseline

During the Autumn Term, Reception children will be completing a statutory baseline. It is a short interactive and practical assessment of your child's early literacy, communication and language and maths skills. It will give your child quality time with us to help us plan challenging activities for each child. For more information please visit:

<http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/reception-baseline-assessment-information-for-parents>

### This term our topics will be:

\***Ourselves**- It would be great if you could send in a photograph of your family for our display.

\***Pets**

\***Autumn Time**

\***Food/Harvest**

\***Diwali**

\***Halloween**

\***Bonfire night**

\***People who help us**

\***Christmas**



### Birthdays

If it is your child's birthday and you wish to send in sweets or treats, please make sure they are individually wrapped and no lollipops. Please ensure they do not contain nuts/traces of nuts.

### PE

PE is on a Thursday. Please ensure your child has their P.E. kit in school. This should be a white t-shirt, black shorts, pumps, trainers. Your child may also wear a dark coloured tracksuit.

### Spare Clothes

Please make sure your child has spare uniform in their bag in case they need to get changed.

Please ensure your child's clothing is clearly labelled with their name, to avoid lost uniform.



### Reading

Please listen to your child read as often as you can, ideally four times per week. Please ensure you write a comment in their reading record each time. Your child's books and reading record should be in school each day.

Your child will have two reading books. They will be able to choose their own reading for pleasure book, which can be changed as often as they like. This is a book that you might like to share with your child as a bedtime story.

Their second book will be changed once per week and this will be a book we have focused on during our shared reading sessions in class.



### Homework

Homework will be given out every **Friday** and is due in the following **Wednesday**.

In addition to their weekly homework, your child will have a copy of our termly homework challenges in the front of their blue homework folders.

These challenges are optional, however for every one of the ten challenges completed, your child will receive a reward in class. These challenges run throughout the term (Autumn term is September to December).

Thank you for your continued support.