



Reception Newsletter

Welcome to Reception!
We hope you and your families have had a wonderful summer holiday!

Thank you for your patience and support with the start days; as you know it is a very important transition period and the children need time to adjust to school life. We felt a staggered start was the best way to do this and the children have now settled in brilliantly.

Tapestry

The teachers have already begun observing the children whilst they learn both inside and outside the classroom on the online observation and assessment system called 'Tapestry'. Please check your emails so that you can see these observations too. You will be able to view how your child learns and see the next steps set by the teachers. These are noted down as 'ns'. You can either access 'Tapestry' through the online browser or by using the APP which can be downloaded on phones, tablets and ipads.

At home, you can also upload evidence of anything your child does to add to their profile. This can be a fun day out, learning completed at home and homework. You can do this by logging in, pressing the '+' symbol and upload a video or picture along with a brief description of what the video or picture is about. We love seeing all your home observations and getting to know your child even more! Please contact a teacher if you are unable to login to 'Tapestry'.

Theme

This half term our theme is called '**Marvellous Me**'. We will be talking

about our similarities and differences as individuals, along with why we are all special, sharing our interests and talents.

The children will be given the chance to share information about themselves and what makes them special. This will be done through show and tell sessions and throughout theme lessons. Please remember to practise your child's show and tell with them.

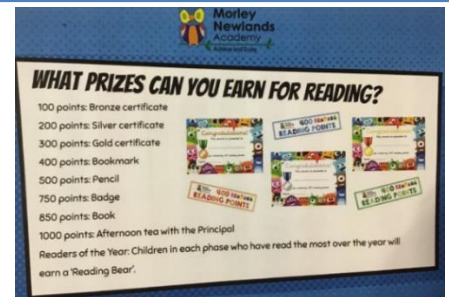
Homework will be given out once every half term. Please encourage your child to complete this homework and record this on Tapestry as they will be able to receive 10 stamps per activity completed!

Literacy

The children will be introduced to a new story every week. This will be linked closely to our key theme and will provide the children with a stimulus for writing and reading. The children will be encouraged to write about themselves and their families. We will be particularly focusing on letter formation and using our phonics to spell.



Reading is a big focus of school life, so please encourage your child to read their bug club book online daily and record this on class dojo. Remember, every time you record their reading, they are rewarded 5 points! If you are unsure about how to access bug club or class dojo, then please get in contact with your child's class teacher.



Maths

The children will begin the year by focusing on a number per week. They will learn to recognise, count, represent, order and write the number correctly. Also, they will begin to explore the vocabulary of addition and subtraction. This will give the children a secure understanding of the number system. Problem solving skills will be embedded throughout the maths curriculum. Children will also learn about shape, space and measure. This includes exploring 2d and 3d shapes, comparing length and height and investigating coins.

Understanding the World

Our aim is to encourage the children to become more independent throughout the school day. We are also trying to develop the children's confidence when dressing themselves, such as putting on their own coat when doing outdoor activities.

The children are able to access the outdoor area in all weathers, so now that we are entering Autumn, please remember to bring for your child, a pair of wellies, a hat, scarf and gloves to keep in school. Please make sure they have your child's name in and they can be placed under your child's peg for them to change into.

It is also very important to remember to bring a named water bottle filled with water, so



your child can keep hydrated throughout the day.

P.E

Your child will be completing P.E lessons every **Thursday**. Please bring your child in their P.E uniform (which must be named) and their school uniform in a bag. They will then change into their school uniform when they finish their P.E lesson.

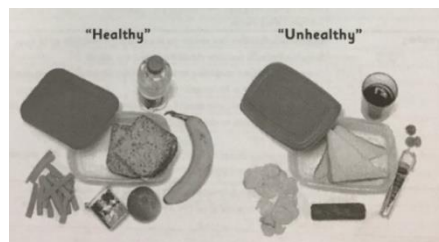
P.E uniform includes a white t-shirt, black/navy blue shorts or black/navy blue jogging bottoms, black plimsolls and black/navy blue jumper.

Uniform

Please note that the uniform policy for shoes is black sensible shoes, no trainers are allowed. Children should attend school with moderate hairstyles. Hair accessories (bobbles, clips and bands) should be plain and discrete. JoJo bows should not be worn. All clothing should be clearly labelled inside the clothing.

Lunches

All of our Reception children receive a Free School Meal. Each term a new menu for school dinners will be sent out via the MyEd app. You can download our school MyEd app by going to your app store and searching for My Ed. All meals can be pre-ordered through the app on your mobile device or when your child arrives in school. We encourage you to pre-order meals at home so that you can see what your child has chosen. If your child brings a packed lunch to school we ask you not to include chocolate bars or crisps. We also do not allow children to bring juice or fizzy drinks for their lunch. Some parents have been asking us how they can provide a healthy packed lunch for their children. Hopefully this picture will give you some ideas.



Classroom Rewards

In the classroom, children are rewarded stamps for their effort, good behaviour, attainment, work they have produced and excellent/improved attendance. Each day a child will also have the opportunity to acquire further stamps based upon their positive attitudes. These stamps are recorded in the classroom on individual stamp charts. For every hundred stamps, they will receive certificates. They will also receive badges which they can wear on their uniform. In addition, one child from each class will be awarded 'The Star of the Week' for their hard work. This will be awarded every Friday.

Websites

Here is a list of websites which your child could use at home to support their learning.

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>
<https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/login?c=0>
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

Many thanks,
Miss Westwood, Mrs Fyffe, Mrs Hill
and Miss Layton.

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daily updates of your child's
learning.**

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