



Pilgrims' Way Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers of Reception Children,

A very warm welcome to all our children and families. We have a fantastic year planned for the children and look forward to sharing all that they achieve with you. Please do ask us if you have any questions.

Staff in Reception

We have 4 members of staff in Reception, Miss Anecchiarico and Mrs Peachey-Smith are class teachers. Miss Loder and Mrs Berry are full time teaching assistants in Year R.

Mrs Harrington is our volunteer, she works with us each Monday and Thursday.

Each of the Year R team is the key worker for a group of children, we read our group stories, enjoy snack with them and talk to them about what they have been learning.

For the rest of the day children learn with all members of staff. We work as a team, so that members of Year R staff are with the children throughout the day, including in the lunch hall.

Towards the end of this term, we will place the children into Miss Anecchiarico or Mrs Peachey-Smith's class.

We make this decision based on the children's friendships and their needs. Children will continue to play and learn with all the staff in Year R. You will be informed which class your child is in towards the end of term.

What we are learning



We will be spending lots of time playing and talking to the children. We begin our daily phonics and maths lessons which takes place in the morning. Children will learn in our garden each day. On our website page are all the plans for this term.

Do sign up to our DoJo system, you can see the DoJo's your child receives and what they are learning.

What your child needs each day



Please send in a named, bottle filled with water. Children should bring their book bags each day. Depending on the weather please send in a sun hat. Children do not need to bring in snack, as we have fruit, milk and bagels daily.

Please do not let children bring in toys from home, these can distract them from learning and children become upset if the toy is lost.

If your child would like to bring in a favourite book from home to share with us, they are welcome to do this.

Forest School



Forest school will begin on Thursday 29th September in the morning. Please send your child to school in a long sleeve top, trousers and wellington boots. If you don't want your child's coat to become muddy, please send in another coat. Children bring their uniform into school and change back into this after Forest School. Nearer the time we will send you more information about Forest School.

Reading



We develop a love of reading in our school and children can take home a book to read with you, they are not expected to be able to read this book, it is to share with you. We help them to choose a book from our reading area on a Tuesday and Friday. If your child attended our nursery, they will have a book bag, we provide book bags for children who did not attend our nursery. Please write in the reading record as we like to see which books children are enjoying.

At this stage in the year children in Year R do not have homework, we expect them to share a book each evening with you and on a Friday, we send home phonics homework.

Home time

We seat all children on the carpet with staff and then one member of staff calls the children one at a time to the door. This is the safest way of dismissing the children. We ask for your patience at this time and that you do not call your child, wait for staff to call them.

If you want your child to be collected by a different adult, please let one of the year R team know in the morning and if possible, show us a photo of this adult. We will never release your child to anyone without your permission.

Kind regards Miss Anecchiarico and Mrs Peachey-Smith.

