

Term 1 Newsletter - Reception

Dear Families,

A very warm welcome to Somerdale Educate Together Primary School, Reception Class. We hope you had a wonderful summer, we are very excited to get to know you and your children this coming term. We will spend this term settling in, learning new routines and structures and introducing new learning opportunities. Our focus will be building relationships and for children to feel familiar with their school day and the school environment.

Welcome meeting Tuesday 16th September @ 2.50pm

The Reception team:

Class Teacher - Becca

Learning Support Assistant – Kelly

PPA cover (Tuesday PM) – Lily

Enquiry Questions this term: What makes us special?

This term is all about getting to know one another. We will have opportunities to share about our families, interests and all about what makes us who we are. We will also explore the people around our school and within our local area and their roles in our community.

If you or a family member have something special you would like to share with the class, such as a story in your home language, introduction to your job or something else, then please get in touch, we would love to hear from you. 😊

Rights Respecting Schools

Article 2 – we should be treated equally.

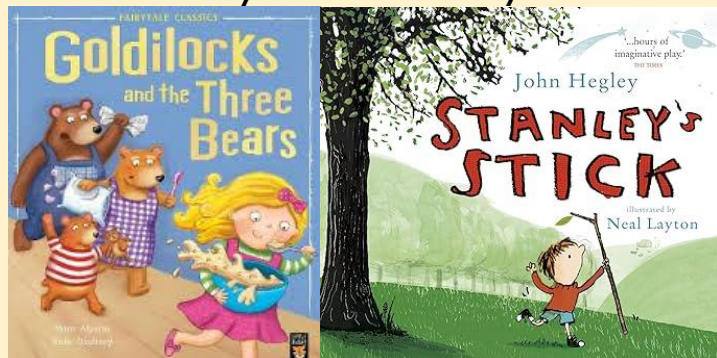
Article 8 – I have the right to an identity.

Article 28 – you have the right to an education

Article 31 - You have the right to relax and play

Teaching and Learning This Term

Our focus books this term are Stanley's Stick By John Hegley/Goldilocks and three bears by Robert Southy.



We will also be exploring lots of texts around our termly theme 'This is me!'

Our medium term overview is now available on the class page of our website.

[Please click here to view the overview for this term. \(YR\)](#)

Home Learning

Reading

It is our recommendation that children should be reading daily where possible. The expectation is that children read **a minimum of 4 times a week**.

Phonics / writing

We will be following the Little Wsndle phonics scheme. Term 1 – Phase 2

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Maths

[Click here to view our parent guide on how to support with mathematics.](#) This has lots of ideas on play-based activities to help your child with key mathematical skills.

The White Rose 1-minute maths app can also be used to practise early number facts at home.
<https://whiterosemaths.com/1-minute-maths>

White Rose also have videos relating to the main Maths teaching. These can help you to see the methods that are being taught, or can be used as additional practice.

[Early Years](#)

[Busy Things can be accessed from home with useful maths games and activities.](#)

Other important information/notes for the time ahead

Class Page

You can access information, long term and medium term overviews as well as other resources on the class page on our website.

Reading Records

Please date and sign yellow reading record when your child reads at home. Children reading over 4 times get a golden ticket for a chance to win a book.

School Clothing Guidance

Please see the [page on our website](#) for more information on appropriate clothing for school.

Library Day

Our Library Day is on Tuesday

Please ensure your child has their book on these days. Automated emails are sent for overdue books. If you feel a book may be lost or damaged in your care, we ask for a donation to cover the cost of replacement.

PE Day

Our PE day is Friday

On these days, please ensure your child is wearing a loose-fitting top and shorts/jogging bottoms which allow them full movement of their bodies. Children should also wear suitable footwear such as trainers. Ear studs should be removed or covered with medical tape for health and safety purposes.

Class Assembly Date

Keep the date in your diary! Our class assembly for this academic year is on:

Reception: Mon 29th June – 2.40pm

Please read the whole school newsletters regularly as they include other important dates.

What does my child need to bring into school every day?

- Bookbag with reading record and reading book inside. (Bookbags are then put into children's drawers. If you need a replacement bookbag, contact the office for the price.)

Healthy Snacks for Playtime

In the Early Years and Key Stage One, the children are provided with a free piece of fruit or vegetable via the Government scheme.

In Key Stage Two, children need to bring a piece of healthy snack for breaktime. This should be a piece of fruit or vegetable.

Ultra processed snacks are high in sugar, even those that are advertised as '1 of your 5 a day'. NHS advice states children aged 7-10 should have

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Filled Water Bottle • Library book on library days 	<p>no more than 24g of free sugars a day. Due to the processing, reconstituting and reblending of ingredients to create fruit winders, these snacks contain high amounts of free sugars.</p> <p>For example, Bear Fruit Yoyo, strawberry contains 8g of sugar. This equates to one third of the recommended daily allowance.</p> <p>For this reason, with consideration to Article 24 (children have the right to healthy food) we ask that these are not brought to school as they are not considered a healthy snack due to the high sugar content. It also creates littering problems with the excess packaging.</p>
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