

Reading and Contact Books

Reading is so important for the development of your child and is key to learning. With this in mind, we encourage you to read as much with your child as possible. This could be through reading stories with them, or to them as part of your bedtime routine.

'Reading is food for the mind and soul'

Please ensure that reading and contact books are returned to school every Friday so they can be checked and changed. Please comment in the reading record to show that your child has read at home.



PE Days

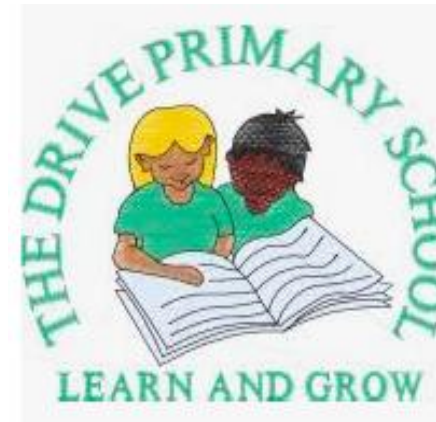
PE days are every Tuesday and Thursday. Children must be wearing their P.E kits on the days they have P.E in school.

Please ensure that your child is wearing the school PE kit which includes: Drive PE top, blue or black shorts/tracksuit bottoms (not branded) and appropriate trainers or plimsolls. Please label all items of clothing! Items will be lost if not labelled.

Warning: Play can be messy! We will be learning outside the classroom a lot. With this in mind, please ensure your child has an outdoor coat and wellies in school.

Reception year is all about getting your child 'School Ready', developing their independence, confidence and resilience and outdoor learning promotes this.

Spring Term 2026



Reception

Mrs Sisterson

Information for Children, Parents and Carers

In Reception, we take influence for our curriculum from children's interests. This is to ensure we provide the children an engaging curriculum which promotes their love of learning.

We have some planned focuses this term, for example, Chinese New Year and Valentine's Day!

Communication and Language

Speaking: We will be introducing your child to new concepts and encourage them to learn new vocabulary and use this in every day use.

Listening, Attention and Understanding: During Spring Term, Reception children will be expected to engage in slightly longer carpet time sessions.

Physical Development

Gross Motor and Fine motor Skills: This term, we will be taking part in the Gateshead Dance Festival! Children will be encouraged to write at every opportunity, and for example, if a child makes a model, they will be supported to write a label for the model.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Building Relationships: Building on the bond's made last term, Children will be continuing to work together, we a heavy focus on developing growth mindset.

Managing Self: Children will be encouraged to develop their confidence with their own self care. We will be encouraging children to be as independent as possible, taking care of basic needs like washing hands and dressing.

Self Regulation: Children this term will be encouraged to learn about the rules and expectations of the classroom. They will be taking part in small group time sessions to help your child to 'self-regulate' their behaviour. Self-Regulation is all about resilience and having the ability to learn the basic of right from wrong.

Literacy

Comprehension: This term, we will be continuing to have a heavy focus on reading and introducing children to different types of text. Children will be encouraged to engage with role play, act out stories and continue to develop a love of reading.

Word Reading: Children will be engaging with lots of different activities linked to phonics. This term, they will be exploring initial sounds, syllables and rhyme. All of the above encourages children to become fluent readers.

Writing: Following on from Autumn Term, you may have noticed your child wanting to write more. This will continue further, and children will be encouraged to write at every opportunity.

Mathematics

Numbers: Building on the blocks learnt from last term, children will be learning how to partition different numbers. They will develop further skills taught such as subitising.

Numerical Patterns: Reception will be encouraged to develop understand of number in the real world. They will be experiencing different patterns in number and encouraged to represent these.

Understanding the World

People, Culture and Communities: This term, we will be learning all about our individual diverse worlds and how this impacts us. We will be celebrating our diversity and learning about different cultures. Children will be encouraged to learn about 'Chinese New Year' and celebrate the different religious festivals in our community.

Past and Present: We will be looking at famous pieces of historic art.

Expressive Arts and Design

Creating with Materials: Children will be given the opportunity to explore and interact with a wide variety of different materials.

Being Imaginative and Expressive: Children will get creative with resources. Expect junk modelling models to be brought home and prepare your fridges for lots of wonderful masterpieces!

Phonics (Sounds Write)

The Phonic Scheme we use in school is called 'Sounds Write'. You can buy an app off the Apple Store and Play Store which can be used at home to further develop your child's understanding of Phonics. The words that we will be working on in class, will be sent home on a Monday. Don't forget to use your spelling pack to help you practice their words and sounds at home.