



Reception Newsletter

We discover and realise the genius in everyone!



Dear Parents/Carers...

Welcome to Heronsgate Reception! We hope that you and your child are ready to begin an exciting journey together. The Early Years are a time when a significantly high proportion of learning takes place. Our role is to provide high quality care and learning experiences in a secure and supportive atmosphere, building on children's previous experiences and preparing them for the demands of their school careers. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to your child's teacher. We look forward to working with you this year!

Miss Milhench (RSM), Mrs Fletcher (RJF), Miss McKenzie (RSK)

TOPIC FOCUS: ME, MYSELF & I

Children will think about where they live and the significant people in their home environment. We will talk about families and create self-portraits. Children will also learn about our local community and the people who help us. Children will think about their future and what they want to do when they grow up. Children will explore events from the past within their own lives. They will build relationships with other children and adults.

IMPORTANT DATES

Black History Month
Will be launched on
Monday 2nd October

Parents Evening
Thursday 12th
October and
Wednesday 18th
October

Half Term Holiday
Monday 23rd October-
Friday 27th October

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please ensure your child is bringing their book bag to school everyday. Books will be changed once a week and recorded in your child's blue reading champion book. There is space in the book for you to comment and sign for the reading that you have done at home. Children should not bring other bags to school, other than their Heronsgate book bag, P.E. kit, or a packed lunch if they require it.

Please bring a water

Home Learning

WB: 11th September:

Core Book - In Our Hands

- Create a picture book about the children you have met at school and what activities you enjoy doing with them
- Help set the table for dinner. How many plates/cups/etc will you need?
- Practice writing your name.

WB: 18th September:

Core Book - In Our Hands

- Practice writing your name
- Tell your family about what you have enjoyed about school so far. Draw a picture of it.
- Count objects around your house, such as the number of tins, packets, etc.

WB: 25th September:

Core Book - In Our Hands

- Practice writing your name
- Create a puppet of yourself and put on a puppet show about what you enjoy at school
- Draw a picture of what makes you feel happy.

WB: 2nd October:

Core Book - Super Duper You

- Practice writing your name
- What are your favourite hobbies? Draw a picture of you doing them.
- How have you changed since you were a baby? What did you like then compared to now?

WB: 9th October:

Core Book - Naughty Bus

- Practice writing your name
- Draw a map of a local bus journey you have been on
- Have a shape hunt on your way to school

WB: 16th October:

Core Book - The Day the Crayons Quit

- Practice writing your name
- Take a photograph of your favourite place. How many colours can you see?
- Look for numbers on your way to school. Look for bus numbers, house numbers, street signs, etc.

LITTLE WANDLE LETTERS & SOUNDS

We use the Little Wandle Letters & Sounds phonics programme. Children learn the single letter sounds and then learn to blend these sounds into words (e.g., 'h-a-t' becomes hat). Children are taught to segment sounds and blend them together into words in order that they can read and write efficiently. Please visit the website below for further parent information and videos, to enable you to continue to support your child with phonics. <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents>.

TAPESTRY & PROUD CLOUD

We are using an online journal called Tapestry to record the learning that your child does in school. You will receive an email with an activation link to sign up to Tapestry. Once your account is active, you will be able to see the learning that your child has been doing at school. You can also contribute to your child's online profile by uploading photographs of the learning your child has been doing at home. The learning you contribute will be displayed on our 'Proud Cloud' display.