

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021

**Year group:** Reception

**Classes:** Maple and Chestnut

**Teachers:** Miss Hackett and Mr Martisius

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Reception at Harefield Infant School!

We are so pleased to be starting this journey with you and your child. Starting 'Big School' can be a daunting time for both you and your child and we would like to assure you that we will do our utmost best to make sure that they are safe, ready to learn and most importantly happy!

Below is a table of what our first learning looks like:

<b>Curriculum Letter</b>			
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Literacy</b> <b>Key Texts</b> <b>The Little Red Hen</b> <b>Farmer Duck</b> <b>The Enormous Turnip</b></p> <p><b>We will be learning to;</b> Write our names correctly. Retell familiar stories. Create story maps. Link letters to sounds. Rhyme words. Join in with stories.</p> <p><b>At home you could;</b> Help your child learn how to write their name correctly. Read lots of stories and talk about them/retell them in own words. Play rhyming games.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Personal, Social and Emotional Development</b></p> <p><b>Our JIGSAW topic is; Being me in my World.</b> We will be learning all about what makes us unique, the same and to respect differences. We will be learning to follow the school rules. <b>At home you could;</b> Talk about your child's special talents and interests.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Number</b></p> <p><b>We will be learning to;</b> We follow the 'White Rose Maths' programme and will be looking at the topic 'Just Like Me'. We will be looking at sorting objects according to different criteria; such as size, colour, amount. We will also compare amounts of objects and match numerals accordingly.</p> <p><b>At home you could;</b> Sort your child's toys into different categories. For example; by colour, size, hard or soft or any other category your child can think of. Count the objects in each group. Which has more, less or the same? Use number cards 1-10 to match to the totals in each group.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Communication and Language</b></p> <p><b>We are learning to;</b> Listen to and talk about stories. Respond to questions. Follow instructions <b>At home you could;</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Physical Development</b></p> <p><b>We will be learning to;</b> Hold a pencil correctly using the tripod grip. Form the letters of our name correctly. Move safely in and around obstacles including our outside climbing equipment.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>We have PE in the hall every Wednesday. This half term we will be outside. All children should wear joggers on the day and plain black trainers.</b></p> <p><b>At home you could;</b> Help your child learn how to hold a pencil correctly. Help your child learn how to form the letters of their name correctly. Go to the park or in the garden and create obstacle courses to move around safely in different ways; walking, hopping, climbing.....</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Expressive Arts and Design</b></p> <p><b>We will be learning to;</b> Draw and paint representational images of animals. Follow a beat in music, changing tempo. Use props to tell stories following our own interests in the role-play areas. <b>At home you could;</b> Spend time drawing and painting with your child, modelling the shapes you use. See if your child can copy a clapping or tapping pattern you create. You could take turns creating a pattern. Set up role play areas and take on different roles when playing with your child. For example a shop or café.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Understanding World</b></p> <p><b>We will be learning about;</b> Harvest Festival How food grows, where food comes from. How bread is made.</p>

Talk about your family.  
Go through the school rules.  
/Praise your child when they come home with a feather or prize from the prize box.

Share lots of stories and talk about what happened in them.  
Give your child simple instructions to follow and praise them when they do so.

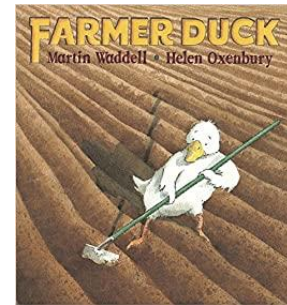
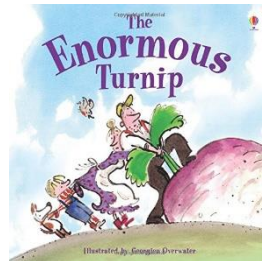
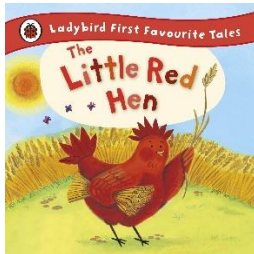
How farms have changed over time.

We will also take part in Black History Month in October.

**At home you could;**  
Talk about where the food you eat comes from and how it is made.

Talk about how you celebrated Harvest Festival when you were a child.

We hope you have as much fun at home as we will be having in class!



Please feel free to ask us any questions preferably via our class emails and we will do our best to get back to you within two working days.

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**Our Core Values:**

**Happiness:** we spread joy to those around us.

**Compassion:** we care and are kind to all.

**Respect:** we treat others as we like to be treated.

**Teamwork:** we work well with everyone.

Each week a member of each class will receive a certificate and be named in the school newsletter for showing one of our core values.

Children will also receive house points for following the school rules and trying their best in class and move up the infamous tree, where in which they choose a prize from the 'Golden Box' when they reach number 10.

**Homework:**

We will begin sending homework home after the half term break to ensure the children have settled well into their new school routine first. This will be emailed to parents, but please let us know if you need a printed copy nearer the time.

**Reading**

Learning to read can be the most important part of your child's early life and we encourage them to read with a family member each day/night to practice. We will start sending home reading books once the children have been taught the first stage of Phase 2 phonics. We follow the Letters and Sounds programme and will be sending more information on this in due course.



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If your child is already reading/ beginning to read independently please let your teacher know and reading books can be sent home.

**Activity Money**

We do ask for a voluntary contribution of 50p per week in order to help us complete our exciting tasks and activities; such as cooking, playdoh, craft and for new role play and play activities.

**Just a reminder!**

Please ensure your child has a book bag, water bottle and that all of their belongings are named!

We are looking forward to a fun filled year ahead!

Yours faithfully,

Miss Hackett and Mr Martisius