

William Read



My name is Mrs Moore and I will be the class teacher for this year. I will be teaching across seven areas of learning that will be covered in the inside and outside curriculum. The seven areas of learning are: Communication and Language, Physical Development, Personal, Social and Emotional Development, Literacy, Maths, Understanding of the World, Expressive Art and Design.



Mrs Moore

Open door policy:

At William Read, we operate an open door policy. I will be on the door for any messages that you need to relay or alternatively you can write this down but it must be handed to a classroom adult as book bags will **not** be checked for letters daily. The Classroom gate will open at 8:30 for 15 minutes and the children will leave at 3:15 each day. After these times your child will need to go through the school office. Please inform us of any changes, as to who is picking your child up from school, as this will cause delays at the end of the school day. Children can only be collected by named adults without us being informed first.

Don't forget Breakfast club is available before school, from 7.30am. Please ensure you make the office aware if they are attending by calling 01268 683818.

Reading at Home

The children will be given a reading book to share with you at home. To start with this book will have no words as the children are encouraged to use the pictures to tell the story. They will also be loaned a 'library' book and this is for you to read to them. Both books will be changed weekly to start with, due to schools being busy places these changes may happen on any day so please ensure book bags are in school every day. If you have read with your child, then please write in their yellow reading record. We encourage children to read as much as they can and we recommend at least three reads a week.

To find out more about teaching your child to read then attend the reading meeting on **Monday 26th September at 9:00am or 5:00pm (the 5pm session is also available online)**. The children will also be expected to begin to learn groups of words to support their reading, these will be sent home in a word book. We will look at these together in class at least once a week. Once children are confident with the words given we can move them along to the next set.

Please try not to compare your child's level with others as all children learn at a different rate.

Packed lunches

Just to remind you we are a healthy school and we encourage children to eat a healthy lunch.

Please be aware that fizzy drinks, sweets or chocolate bars are not allowed.

Please remember that the children **MUST NOT** bring in any food that contains nuts due to children and adults suffering from severe allergies.

Every child in Reception is offered a piece of fruit throughout the day.

Please ensure the lunch bags and the pots inside are clearly named.

Children also need a named water bottle in school every day to ensure they are hydrated throughout the day.

Medication

If your child requires medication (this includes inhalers), please ensure these are named and are taken to the school office.

The children will have PE on: **Thursday**

Please send your child to school wearing their PE kit each Thursday from **28th September 2023**.

The PE kit should be:

Round neck t-shirt (red)

Black shorts

Sensible footwear

Black jumper or bottoms if required

The children do not need plimsolls at this stage.

Jewellery, including earrings should not be worn for PE. **Please note that we are not allowed to remove earrings or jewellery or cover them with tape.** Hair that is long enough to be tied back must be securely fasten due to health and safety.

Learning Journeys

As children tend to develop rapidly during this year we will be documenting their 'Learning Journey' within school. This will include pieces of work, photographs, drawings, pieces of homework etc. Please feel free to send things in that your child has done to build up these journeys.

WOW Moments are things that your child does that are special to them. These could be:

- Getting dressed for school independently.
- Being brave at the dentist
- Eating vegetables
- Trying something new to eat.

WOW moment sheets have/will be provided but please ask your child's class teacher if you need more.

Water Bottles and Book Bags

We ask that your child only brings in a book bag and **not a rucksack** or any other kind of bag as unfortunately, they do not fit in their drawers or they take up too much room on pegs.

Can we please remind you that we need these in school daily for letters and reading.

Please send your child in with a named water bottle but please ensure that this only contains water. This is additional to any bottle in their packed lunch bag.

Cooking

The children will have opportunities to cook and food taste throughout the year. We ask for a contribution of 10.00 at the beginning of the year to cover the costs of this.

Please ensure that this is paid in full by **Friday 6th October** in a named envelope and handed to the class teacher.

Do you have unwanted toys...

Reception would always welcome any donations of toys.

Please see the class teacher.

Things to remember:

- Book bags should come to school every day (not rucksacks)
- Read at home at least three times a week and record in the yellow diary
- All clothing should be **clearly labelled** - including hats and scarves
- Earrings should only be studs and **should not** be worn on PE. **Please note that we are not allowed to remove earrings or cover them with tape.**
- Please try your best to bring your child to school every day and on time. If you arrive after 8.45 am the gate will be shut and your child will need to come in via the office.
- Please ensure your child has a coat with them in school due to the changes in weather and the Reception outside area always being open.
- **No toys from home are allowed in school.**
- Please check your child's hair regularly as nits spread rapidly in Reception.
- Please ensure your child has a named water bottle in school.
- PE is on a **Thursday afternoon.**

Dates:

Monday 4th September 2023 - Year 1 children and the rest of the school start back for the new term.

Monday 11th September 2023 Reception children will start their staggered intake and be in school from **8:30 to 11:30** for this week. **They will leave through the school office.**

Monday 18th September 2023 Reception children will remain in school for their lunch and **leave at 12:30 from the office.**

Monday 25th All children will attend full time and leave from the classroom gate where they enter in the mornings.

October Half Term
Monday 23rd to Friday 27th October 2023.

Toy Donations are always welcome
As you can imagine our toys are very well played with so any donations are always greatly received.