

A little note about Surprise Box- In EYFS the children will have a set day for their surprise box (show and tell), Due to Covid-19, for the foreseeable future we are not allowing the children to bring in toys or anything from home. Instead, we have decided that to keep up the fantastic development of our communication and language skills that surprise box brings, we would love it if you could take a picture of an item your child would like to talk about and send it through to us on Evidence Me. You could even ask your child to take a picture of the item! Please try to limit the amount of toys, it is always interesting to hear about objects that have been found on hunts, or something that is very special to your family.

Reading- During the week beginning 14th September, if your child is in Reception they will be sent home with a reading book and reading planner at some point during the week. Please ensure you read with your child every night, even if it is only a couple of pages, every little bit counts! Grown-ups in school will regularly read with your child and change their book accordingly. This will not be written in their reading planner to reduce the risk of cross-contamination. Reading books will go through an isolation period in between children.

Sharing Packs- In Nursery sharing packs will not be allowed to continue based on the current Government guidance. They will however be able to bring a storybook home of their choosing to read with you during the week. These books will be given out on a Monday and will need to be brought back in on a Friday. Not only will this allow us to have enough time to change your child's book, it will also mean we are able to isolate the books to make sure there is no risk of Covid-19 being passed onto the next owner. Due to these important points, if you do not bring back your child's book on a Friday, your child will not be able to get one until the following week to allow us time to isolate all packs.

P.E and Games

P.E and Games lessons in **Nursery** will be every Wednesday. They do not need a PE kit as we do PE in our own clothes but a sensible pair of shoes will be useful, preferably Velcro as it makes it easier for your child to take their shoes off and on. In **Reception**, they will have PE twice a week. Please ensure their PE kit is in school every day that includes a **NAMED** pair of tracksuit bottoms and a jumper ready for the colder weather and a pair of trainers. This half term we will be focusing on locomotion.



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Autumn Term 2020

Welcome to Nursery and welcome back to Reception!
We are very excited this year to get started on all the wonderful things we have planned for this year.

Covid-19 and St Andrew's EYFS:

Following government guidance, we will **NOT** be socially distancing the children in the class bubble. However, we will be regularly washing hands before and after eating, as well as other points throughout the day. This will be carried out with lots of adult guidance to ensure sufficient cleanliness is upheld. We will also be encouraging the use of hand sanitiser when it is appropriate to do so. Please let your class teacher know if you are not happy with your child using hand sanitiser as part of their handwashing practise. The grown-ups will be regularly cleaning frequently touched areas throughout the day.

We will be having CIL play both inside and outside no matter what the weather, so please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the day's weather.

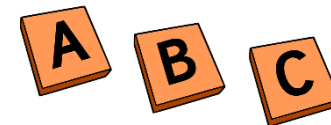
If your child requires comforting, or first aid, we will of course provide them with appropriate support. The adults will carry this out with PPE when appropriate to ensure that both your child, and the adult is protected. We will endeavour to keep you updated with any changes in our practise, making sure we are always following government guidance.

Topics- Our topics this term are 'All about me', 'People who help us' and 'Celebrations'. These topics will cover all 7 areas of the Early Year's curriculum and a lot of the work we do is cross curricular. Children will engage in adult led activities as well as their chosen tasks during child initiated learning, which will also be linked to the topics we are looking at.



Letters and Sounds (Phonics)- The children will be taught phonics in groups later on this term. Nursery will begin phase 1 (listening skills) and Reception will continue working through single letter sounds and then move onto diagraphs (2 letters that make 1 sound, e.g. 'sh') **Children will be given flashcards when they begin phase 2.**

Please look at the phonics flashcards daily with your child to reinforce what they have been taught at school. The flashcards need to be kept in children's book bags so that they are available in school every day.



Learning Journals- This year in the EYFS we are continuing to work online with our journals. With this in mind we would like you to have more of an input in your child's learning journal and once we are up and running with our parent mail you will be getting a weekly update about what your child has been up to that week. You will then be able to write back to your child based on what you have read. This will normally be sent to you on a Friday or over the weekend for you to look at and enjoy with your child.

Next Steps- In EYFS we are always working from the children's individual strengths and areas of development. Because of this, the adults in your child's class will be sending home a 'Next Step', otherwise referred to as a 'What Next?', every month. This will be something they are working on both in school and at home, and it would be really helpful if you could help support them in their learning of the area.

Snack- During the mornings the children will be given a snack of either fruit or vegetables. They will also be given milk if you have signed up through the school office. If your child would like milk and they have not been signed up yet please go and ask the school office.



An Autumn term reminder- Please remember that your child needs to bring the following items to school:

- Book bag to hold reading planners, phonics packs, sharing packs and any letters that are handed out.
- A named hooded coat, hat and gloves as the weather gets colder.
- Named water bottle