

Reception Newsletter

September /October 2018

Welcome to Shottery Primary School. I hope you have all had a good summer and are ready for the routine of school. I hope that we can all work together to ensure that your child settles in well and then continues to have a productive and enjoyable term. Please ask if there is anything that you are not sure about or if you would like further information or clarification. The children will follow the Curriculum Guidance for the Foundation Stage and will continue to progress towards the Early Learning Goals.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

During the initial part of the term emphasis will be placed on ensuring your child becomes familiar with classroom resources and routines and that they build relationships with peers and staff. They will be encouraged to choose individual activities, work in small groups and to become actively involved in a wide range of activities and games. In order to encourage the children to talk about activities and events that are part of their day they will contribute to a photograph record book showing themselves at work and play in a school situation.

Morning Routine: Please bring your child into the Orchard Area, help them choose their lunch for the day and then say goodbye and leave them to have a good day. Please remember to be positive and supportive.

Afternoon Routine: The children will be dismissed from the classroom and into the Orchard Area, at 3.20 pm, when we see the adult collecting them. Please be patient, as safety of all children is important. If someone different is collecting your child please let the school know. Thank you.



Water Bottles: The children are encouraged to have drinks of **water** throughout the day. please supply your child with a **plastic bottle** with their name on, to be stored in their tub in the orchard. Please can you ensure that the bottle is filled and cleaned regularly.



Wellingtons: As we aim to use the outdoor area as much as possible your child will need a **coat** in school every day. When the weather is sunny please send them with a named sunhat. Please can you also send in a pair of **Wellington boots** that can be kept in school so we can venture outside even when the ground is wet.



Home School Books: The children will all have a home/ school book where we will share areas of learning or give a couple of ideas for supporting at home. If you require any further information or clarification, please ask.

Fun Activities to try:

Sharing Stories and books, including non-fiction and poems.

Writing birthday cards, shopping lists or anything that interests them.

Cooking: Following recipes, counting, measuring and weighing items.

Number spotting: How many numbers can you see in a day. Try spotting a particular number.

Playing games together. (I spy, Kim's Game, board games)

Bath time fun, pouring water from container to container.

Topic: The topic for this term will be **Busy Bodies and Marvellous Me** and will involve work on ourselves, what makes me special, and friendships. There will also be a strong focus on gross and fine motor skills, including ball skills, obstacle courses, pencil skills, finger activities, movement and music activities.

Physical Development: is an integral part of the curriculum and school day, but a formal PE session will take place on Tuesday afternoons with On-side Coaching. Please remember that they need to come dressed in PE kit on a Tuesday.

Diary dates are available on the school website and weekly newsletters.