

Tividale Community Primary School
Autumn Newsletter
Reception



Morning Routine

We are so pleased with how all the children have settled into their new classes. In the mornings, please allow your child to walk into school independently from the playground. We would appreciate if parents would remain on the playground, allowing their child to walk and enter the classroom with their Reception teacher.



School uniform

Children should be wearing grey trousers or skirt, white polo shirt and a royal blue jumper. Please ensure your child is wearing suitable black footwear.

The children will be doing PE twice a week. We thank you for all the PE kits that have already made their way in to school and would be grateful if any PE kits that are still at home could be sent in as soon as possible. Just a reminder PE kits remain in school and are sent home at the end of every half term to be washed. Please can you make sure that all jewellery is removed on PE days.

Water Bottles in the Classroom



It is great to see so many children bringing in water bottles. Please may we take this opportunity to remind you **juice or squash is not allowed to be consumed in the classroom** . We encourage children to be healthy and drink water throughout the day.

Proud Clouds

We would like you to contribute to your child's learning diary. If you notice something that your child can now do that they couldn't do before or they do something that you are particularly proud of, we ask that you write it down on one of our 'Proud Clouds' which are included alongside this newsletter and send it back into school so we can stick it inside your child's learning journey.

Example

"Ethan has been working really hard learning his letter sounds. I'm so proud of him as he can now read simple sentences such as "It is a big, red mat" all by himself."

Topic

This term our topic will be 'Who is hiding under the Sea?' The children will become familiar with stories such as 'The Rainbow Fish' and 'Tiddler the Story-Telling Fish'. Some of the activities will include making an underwater creatures, aquariums and experimenting with floating and sinking objects.

Phonics

In the Autumn Term we will be concentrating on the phonics aspect of Literacy. The children will be learning and revising Phase 2 sounds and distinguishing between different initial sounds in words, for example hearing the 'c' in cat and the 'p' in pig.

We will be encouraging the children to blend and read simple words and talking about what they have read or retelling a story using the pictures as a prompt.

Maths

The children will be exploring the value of number, and their understanding of the different ways in which we can represent numerals, for example by using our fingers, the numeral and counting out objects. We will also be exploring 2D shapes and naming the shape and identifying some of its properties.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 29 th September	Harvest Festival
Thursday 12 th October	Parents Evening
Friday 20 th October	Break Up for Half Term
Monday 30 th October	School Opens
Thursday 2 nd November	Halloween Disco
Friday 17 th November	Non – Uniform Day for Children in Need
Friday 1 st December	Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 5 th December	Reception Christmas Concert AM
Wednesday 6 th December	Pupil Christmas Meal
Tuesday 19 th December	Party afternoon and Break Up for Christmas Holidays.