

Reading

In Reception class we would like you to read with for your child for 5 minutes 3 times per week. When you have read, please date and sign the purple reading record. The purple reading record will be given to you child by the end of the week commencing 15th September.

Please ensure that **all** items (including clothing, water bottles, lunch boxes) that come to school with your child are clearly ***named*** to avoid loss. ***The children are responsible for taking care of their own belongings.***

Parental Involvement

We are looking forward to greeting you all and working with you this term! Next week, you will be given more information about our learning platform called 'Seesaw'.

With your support and communication with the teachers we are sure to have a wonderful first term in Reception and we look forward to hearing from you if you have any queries or concerns.

Thank you
The Reception team.

New Road Primary School

Autumn Term 1 2026

Owls and Swans - Reception



Information for Parents

Miss Whitehand, Mrs Decena, Mrs Graham,
Mrs Ruggles and Miss Wojakowska

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to New Road Primary and Nursery School. We are very excited to welcome you to Reception! We start the year off with our first theme 'Amazing Owls!' and 'Amazing Swans' This booklet is to inform you of what your child will be learning this term. There are also some questions included to help your children to extend their learning at home.

Mathematics (M)

This term we will be matching and sorting objects, comparing amounts, making repeated patterns and starting to learn about numbers.

What patterns can you make at home?

Literacy (L)

In Literacy this half term, we will be looking at a range of stories about friendships, kindness and individuality. We will be doing lots of mark making activities and letter play. We will also be learning new sounds in phonics. We will be learning to blend phonemes to read simple words and how to write simple words by segmenting sounds.

What letter sounds can you spot in the environment?

Personal, Social, Emotional Development (PSED)

During this term we will be talking about ourselves, our families and things we like and dislike. We will also be playing lots of games to get to know each other and learn all about our school rules and expectations.

Can you share our school rules with someone at home?

Communication and Language (CL)

This term we will be doing lots of speaking and listening activities as a whole class and in small groups. We will be sharing our ideas and thoughts during Circle Time. We will also be listening to a range of texts including stories, poetry and non-fiction to help develop our vocabulary.

Can you tell someone about your favourite story at school?

Physical Development (PD)

In PD we will be providing the children with lots of opportunities to demonstrate their fine and gross motor skills such as cutting, threading and drawing activities. Mrs Bowden will teach PE on Thursdays. In PE we will be playing simple instruction games using a variety of equipment. Please send your child to school in their sports clothes on Thursdays only.

Can you teach someone at home a new skill that you have learned in our PE lessons?

Understanding the World (UW)

In UW we will be learning about our school, the local area and people who are important to our community. We will also be thinking about different celebrations around this time of year.

Visit your favourite place in Whittlesey to share in school.

Expressive Arts and Design (EAD)

In EAD we will be developing our creative and performance skills through singing, creating music and exploring different Art techniques with Mrs Batchelor.

Can you practise some of your favourite nursery rhymes and perform them at home?