

## Reception Newsletter Term 1

Welcome to Reception!

We are very excited to be part of your child's learning journey. The children are settling into Reception really well and already making friends!

Here is the list of staff members who your child will see every week.

Class Teacher is Miss Emms

Class TA is Ms Grady

Class HLTA Miss Reed (mornings)

Class Apprentice TA (mornings) Miss Iles

Class Apprentice TA (afternoons) Miss Richards

Cover teacher (Monday afternoons) Mrs Bullock

The children are currently enjoying their time exploring the environment and getting to know each other. We are also beginning to explore phonics, some writing, and maths.



### Reading

We encourage you to read with your child every day. For the first few weeks, we will send home books for you to read and share with your child. This is to develop a love and understanding of reading. The books we send home will match the current phase we are teaching in school.

Please leave a note in your child's reading record after you've read with your child.

### Writing

During our writing this term we will explore a range of story books.

The children will begin to understand the elements of a story, whilst developing skills such as orally retelling a story.

Throughout the term we will focus on a number of different writing skills:

- Name writing and recognition.

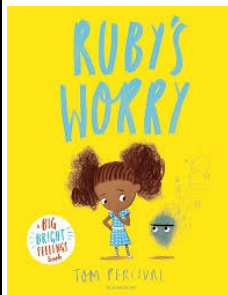
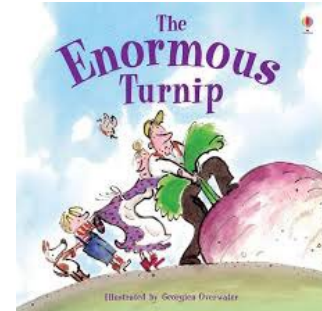
The Phase One books do not have words, only pictures. You can have a discussion about the story and the pictures and ask your children questions about the book.



- Initial sounds
- Giving meanings to marks
- CVC words and captions

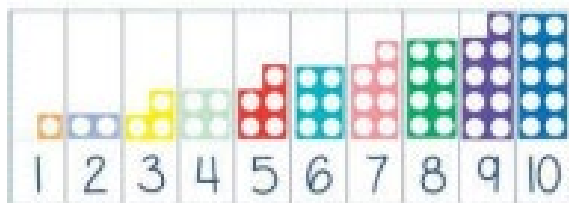
The books we will be looking at this term are:

- The Little Red Hen
- Ruby's Worry By Tom Percival
- The Enormous Turnip



### Maths

In maths this the term, the children will begin to explore their number sense. They will practise matching amounts to the numeral. They will have many opportunities to explore the maths resources and being to make their own connections and explore number in the world around them. The children will begin to explore number formation.



### Phonics

In Reception, we follow the scheme Unlocking Letters and Sounds. It aims to build children's speaking and listening skills, as well as preparing children for learning to read by developing this phonic knowledge and skills. Phonics is taught from the first day your child starts Reception full time in the third week of term.

The sounds your child will learn this term:

**Phase 1** – Listening skills - Drumming - Initial sounds - Musical instruments.

**Phase 2:** Set 1: s, a, t, p

**Set 2:** i, n, m, d

**Set 3:** g, o, c, k, ck

### **Forest School**

### **Personal Belongings**

Your child will need the following in school every day:

- Bookbag and reading record
  - Water bottle
  - Change of clothes
    - Coat

We encourage the children to leave some welly boots at school.

PE day is **Monday**. The children need to come to school in their PE kits on this day.

Please make sure that all of your child's clothing is named. It is easy to return found jumpers and coats if they are named.

### **General Information**

General information Frome Vale Academy has a website:

<https://fromevaleacademy.clf.uk/>

If you would like to have a conversation about your child or have any queries, please speak to Miss Emms at pick up time.

We have a phonics workshop for parents on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October from 9-9.40am in the FVA Hall. Please do come along if you can make it!