



Redhill Primary Academy

Reception Update 07.09.26

Welcome

A very warm welcome to all our new and existing families who have joined us at Redhill Primary Academy. We hope you have had a wonderful summer break and are as excited as we are for the year ahead.

The children have enjoyed exploring the environment, building relationships with staff, and making new friends. It has been a pleasure to see how well they have settled into nursery life, and we are incredibly proud of how confidently and happily they have embraced their new surroundings.

Reading Books

The children will bring home a reading book each week. The book will be introduced to the children during their reading session and will be kept in school throughout the week, giving them further opportunities to read it with their teacher. The book will then be sent home on a Friday and should be returned the following Friday. This allows children time to practise and revisit the text, helping to develop their fluency, confidence, and love of reading.

We encourage you to share the book together at home and celebrate your child's reading achievements. Reading together does not have to be limited to reading the book. There are lots of fun games you can play at home to support your child's reading development. For example, you could play Sound Spotter, where your child looks for words containing a particular sound, or Guess the Word, where either the adult or child segments a word into individual sounds and the other person blends the sounds together to identify the word. These games help to develop children's phonics skills, fluency, and confidence in a fun and engaging way.

Update

We have been focusing on getting to know the children, establishing school routines, and building those important relationships. Over the coming weeks, we will be completing the Reception Baseline Assessments and beginning our phonics programme. In Mathematics, the children will be exploring sorting and grouping objects in different ways, while in History they will be learning about the concepts of old and new, comparing objects, photographs, and experiences from the past and present

Reminders

Please ensure that all children items are clearly labelled .

PE is on Mondays and Fridays. Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing their PE kit on these days

We encourage only water in their water bottles and not squash.

Phonics

This week, we will be focusing on the sounds s, a, t, and p. The children will be learning to identify these sounds and use them to segment and blend words. They will begin reading simple words such as at, sat, and tap.