



## MONKWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Reception Class 3 — AUTUMN 1 NEWSLETTER

Hello everyone and welcome to Reception!

We hope you've all had a wonderful summer break and that you are safe and well. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of our new Reception children and their families back to school.

During the first couple of weeks, we will be ensuring that your child settles in to Reception; becoming familiar with our classroom environment and getting to know our rules and routines.

Your child will love being in Reception this year as we have such an engaging curriculum and have lots of exciting learning planned!

If you have any questions about any aspect of school life, please feel free to see me on the door in a morning or contact the school office and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

Best Wishes,

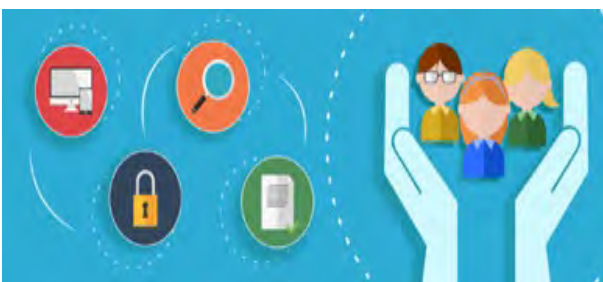
Mrs Turner

#### **SAFEGUARDING LEADS AT MONKWOOD PRIMARY ARE:**

**Mrs Lee** - Designated Safeguarding Lead

**Ms Travis** – Trust Safeguarding Lead

**Ms Tyrrell** – Trust Safeguarding Lead



## CLASS NEWS

In Reception children follow the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework (EYFS). At Monkwood, we use the EYFS to develop an exciting curriculum which enables children to develop a love of learning and encourages them to become curious about the world around them.

#### Phonics

Children will participate in a daily phonics lesson following the Read Write Inc. phonics scheme. This is a systematic approach which helps children to recognise sounds and ultimately become confident and fluent readers. Reading books are matched to your child's phonics group. Children should bring their book bag to school everyday but their reading book will only be changed once every week. Children will also receive a school library book.

#### English

This half term, our topic is 'Who lives in the woods?'. During this topic we will read and explore the following books; Peter Rabbit, Owl Babies, Woodland Animals: Facts and Habitats. Percy The Park Keeper, Say Hi to Hedgehogs, The Gruffalo and Room on The Broom.

The children will be focussing on writing their own name and will practise writing the graphemes for the phonemes that they have learnt in Phonics.

#### Mathematics

In maths, this half term, the children will be learning to subitise within 3, count up to 10, explore how all numbers are made of 1s, the composition of 3 and 4, subitise objects and sounds, to compare numbers to 5 using the language of comparison.

#### Wider Curriculum

Our topics provides lots of opportunity for us to explore our school woodland area and develop a greater sense of the environment around us. The children will also learn how to respect and care for our environment.

There will many opportunities to use different media to create interesting artwork and for the children to express their own ideas and feelings.

The children will also develop a deeper understanding of their own feelings and the feelings of others during our PSHE lessons.

In our PE sessions, the children will learn to move in a variety of ways and develop their gross motor skills.



### HOME LEARNING

Regular reading at home is really important and will help your child become a confident and fluent reader. Children need to read home at least three times a week, but every day is better! Please write down in their reading diary when they have read so we can award dojos for each time they have read at home.

### Class 3 Key Information

**\*Wednesday - PE Day**

Children can leave their PE kits in school and can be taken home every half term to be freshened up.

**Everyday -**

**\*Reading book and book bag**

Children need to bring both to school every day.

**\*Water bottles**

Children need to bring a water bottle with their name on to school every day.

**\*Wellies**

Children can bring a pair of wellies to school and leave them here for the whole year. Please ensure that wellies are named.

**\*All school clothing must be named\***

Remember to keep an eye on the school website, Class Dojo and follow us on social media to keep up-to-date with the latest events and information.

Attending school every day and on time gives our children the best opportunities to develop their potential to the full.

### Other Key Dates

Month

**September**

27.09.2024

Coffee Morning

**October**

10.10.2024

23.10.2024

25.10.2024

World Mental Health Day

Parent Consultations (3pm-6pm)

Finish for October half term

**November**

4.11.2024

Back to school

**This half term we will be focusing on social behaviour in our assemblies and around school.**

**This half terms well-being tip is:**

**Everything in moderation!**

### Marvellous Moments!

Whether your child loves to bake, has achieved an award in swimming or learnt to tie their shoe laces—we want to know so that we can share in their 'Marvellous Moments'. Please send any pictures or comments through Class Dojo and we look forward to celebrating these special moments with the children.