

Reception Autumn Term Newsletter



Phonics and Reading

We will soon begin the teaching of phonics. We follow and teach Little Wandle Phonics.

By the end of September, the children will have progressed to bringing home both a reading book and a reading for pleasure story. To begin with the books will be wordless, they will then progress to blending books that match sounds learnt within our lessons.

Phonics reading books will be changed on a Friday, after the third school read of the book. This should ensure the children are confident in reading their books at home. Reading for pleasure books will be changed on a Thursday during the scheduled trip to the school library.

Please ensure reading books and diaries are brought into school **every day**. Let us know how your child has read and enjoyed by filling out the reading diary sent home with your child.

Parents Phonics Workshop- 22nd October 2026 9am-10am

We would like to invite you (1 adult per child) to attend our parents phonics workshop. This will be an opportunity to learn more about how phonics is taught within our school and take part in a phonics lesson with your child.

Autumn Term Topic Focus:

All About Me

We will be focusing on

- Learning about me
- Routines and independence
- Getting to know each other
- Exploring and taking care of our environment
- Celebrations

We will explore the themes using stories/texts, play and exploration of the outdoors and outdoor learning

Communication

A member of the Foundation Team will be available every day before and after school, or you can be reached by the office email office@hockleyheath.tgacademy.org.uk (please allow 5 working days for a response).

Children should bring a coat, water bottle and book bag into school every day (named).

A hat and gloves (named) will be needed when the weather gets colder as we are out in all weathers.

You may also wish to provide a spare change of clothes in the event of an accident.

Homework

Reading books will be sent home every Friday for your children to read to you (expectation 3 times a week).

A reading for pleasure book to be shared with your child to foster the love of stories and books. This is a time for your child to listen and enjoy being read to.

Please record comments regarding reading skills and enjoyment with your child in their reading diaries.

Information:

PE will be on a Monday morning, PE kits to be kept at school. Please name all items in kit.

Woodlands will be on a Friday afternoon. Please send in a named pair of wellies and waterproof puddlesuit to be kept at school.