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## Reception Class

### Newsletter: 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Happy New School Year from all the staff in Reception, we hope the children will return refreshed and ready to start this year at Victoria Primary School. We are excited about our new topic this term – Emotions. We will be using books and video clips to support our learning with this, alongside circle times and playing in our new classroom. We will be learning about the Zones of Regulation and how to recognise our own emotions and how other people are feeling. We will be learning lots of different strategies to help ourselves get 'back to the green zone', feeling happy and calm.

### Being on time

Remember that classroom doors open at 8.45 on a morning. Children who are late miss the learning that the rest of the day is built on and feel embarrassed when they enter and are looked at by everyone else.

### Homework

When the children have learnt the first groups of phonics sounds, they will begin to bring a reading book home with them. This will begin as a wordless book, which is used to encourage language development first, and then move onto books with simple words and phrases in for the children to decode on their own. Staff will explain more about this as the books are sent home. They will also bring home a special library book, which is for you to enjoy reading together. There are also lots of useful websites listed on our class webpage that are helpful for home learning.

### PE & Forest School

PE will be on Fridays this term and we will be learning about balancing and moving. Can you ensure your child comes to school wearing the correct PE uniform on their PE day please, we do not get them changed at school. The standard school PE kit is available to see on our website.

Forest School is on Fridays this term with Mrs. Walker. Please ensure children have a labelled pair of wellies which they can leave at school for the whole week (we spend lots of time outside so they will need these!). Children will need weather-appropriate clothes i.e. raincoat, warm coat, gloves, hat, scarf.

### Stay and Read Every Friday

We invite you to join us from 8:45-9:00 every Friday morning, to share a book with your child. Staff will be available to answer any questions you may have about how to support your child with their reading.

Thank you

Reception Team

## **Diary Dates**

Every Friday 8:45 – Stay and Read in the classroom

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September – Victoria Primary School Literary Festival

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September – Open Evening – Come into class and see what learning we have been doing!

Friday December 15<sup>th</sup> 1:30pm – Trip to Lakeside Arts to watch 'The Boy Who Cried Wolf'