



Antarctica Class—reception

Let your light shine!

Welcome back to our previous Nursery families and a big Welcome to Thomas Bullock for those who have just joined us! The adults who help us with our learning in class are Mrs Marjoram (teacher) and Mrs Sturman (teaching assistant). **From 16th September** we will have Ms Drake for our Music lessons and Mrs Garrod for Forest schools.

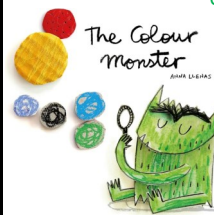
Our PE day is **Tuesday**, our first lesson is 17th September. Children are to come to school in their PE kits for the day.

Should you have any queries or concerns at any time, please do get in touch with Mrs Marjoram in the first instance, via the school office or at the end of the day.

This half term's learning:

Our topic this term is 'Marvelous Me and the World I live in'.

We will focus on transitions, making new friends, our feelings, classroom routines, managing our own personal hygiene and sharing our experiences. We will also explore the wider World around us including our families and people who help us in our local community.



Our first focus text this term is the Colour Monster.

We will begin learning our sounds in phonics lessons, following the Read, Write Inc. sequence. This is a very exciting time as we begin to learn to read and write. We will be hosting a parents phonics workshop on **Monday 16th September at 14:30**

Notices:

Tapestry: we use tapestry online to share and document snippets of your child's time in reception. If you haven't already, please check your email inbox for a joining link to activate your child's account. We love to see what your child gets up to at home so please do add to this when you can.

Attendance: Each day your child learns huge amounts in school through our directed teaching times and through interactions with their friends. In phonics, for example, we move at pace and learn a new sound most days! Please support your child in attending school every day. They will get tired as the term moves on so think about how you can ensure they have plenty of rest times at home to help them with this.

Baseline: all children will undertake the DfE's informal baseline with Mrs Marjoram during the first few weeks. More info to follow on this.

Things to remember:

Your child will order their lunch in class during registration each morning.

Each day your child needs their filled water bottle, book bag, cardigan/ jumper and a coat once the weather cools. Please only send a rucksack if they can **pack and unpack it themselves** with total independence.

To keep at school: a pair of wellies; waterproof jacket and trousers or an all in one suit; wipes; a full change of clothes.

Please, please, please (!!) name ALL of your child's belongings! This helps us return lost items to you and supports your child's independence in recognising and taking care of their belongings. Staff cannot spend lots of time looking for things that go missing.