

# Reception Parent/Carer Information

## Autumn Term 1



# All About Me!



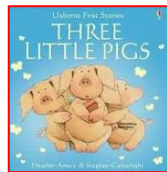
### What we are learning this half term...

We will focus our learning around the topic of ourselves, where we live and woodland plants and animals. We will find out lots of facts about each other; what we like and don't like, our interests and hobbies and all about our families. We intend to go for a walk around the local area and find out about Wrose village. We will read lots of stories, including: The Gruffalo, We're going on a Bear Hunt, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, The Three Little Pigs and Little Red Riding Hood.

The core story for this half term is **The Three Little Pigs**.

### Other things we will do...

We will be making story maps about some of the books we have read and 'real maps' of school and the local area.



We will act out and retell the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears.



### Core Story

Core stories are books we will focus on in depth each half term. We will send the story home for you to share with your child. Please return it the next day to ensure every child gets a chance to read it at home.

We will learn alternative words to familiar rhymes.

### Maths

We are in the process of assessing your child's understanding of mathematics. We will then learn about:

Recognising numerals

Counting objects



Ordering numbers by size

Putting numbers in order

We will learn about the different plants and animals which live in woodland. We will look at changes in autumn and use some autumnal foliage in our play.

### Food Preparation & Snack

Snack is an important part of the Early Years curriculum and in our experience all children benefit from this activity. It can be preparing food, baking, looking at changes in food, talking about what they like/dislike or just simply helping children's confidence to try new food alongside their friends. We ask for a voluntary contribution of **50p per week** or **£3.50 for this half term**. We will also use these contributions towards play dough ingredients or other consumables in class.



Please could you send the money in the blue envelope we provided.

Any queries please see a member of the Reception team.

## Lunchtime

We are so impressed with your children and how they have coped at lunchtime.

Each day, they have the choice of two warm options. In addition to this, they are also offered jacket potato, panini or a selection of sandwiches and salad. They have a choice of different desserts each day too. Please can your child practise using a knife and fork to cut and eat their own food! This will help them enormously at lunchtime.



## P.E and Clothing

When it is P.E. day, your child will need to come to school wearing their P.E. kit (for the full day).

Base 1's P.E. day is every **Monday**.

Base 2's P.E. day is every **Wednesday**.

We provide waterproof suits for the children when they access messy/wet play, outside. Please can you send a pair of **NAMED** wellies into school which your child can wear when accessing this provision.

**Please make sure you NAME ALL clothing.**

Although we have waterproof suits and aprons for the children to wear to protect their uniform, sometimes they do still get wet and dirty. We do strive to keep them as clean as possible.

## Phonics and Reading

Exciting news! Your child will soon be beginning their reading journey and start phonics lessons. At

Low Ash, we follow the Read Write Inc scheme. Your child will learn letter sounds and how to write these letters. They will sound out words and practise blending them together.

To help your child at home, please read stories with them as often as possible. You will be soon receiving a yellow reading record book. Each time you read with your child, please can you sign and date it in their reading record book. When your child brings home a reading book from school, you can also sign and date when your child reads to you in this book too.

Each week, we check how many times your child has read at home. At the end of each half term, the children who have read three times or more will go into a draw to win a token for our book vending machine to take home.

Your child will visit the library every Wednesday and bring home a book to share. This can be exchanged weekly. In Reception, we also have a Reception 'Little Library.' Like the main library, your child can take home a book, but then can exchange it as often as you require...each day, if desired!

## A message from the Reception Team

Mrs Horne, Miss Gray, Mrs Todd, Miss Wells, Miss Lannen, Mrs Slattery, Mrs Naylor and Miss Boocker are very proud of the way the children have settled into school. Thank you for all your help and support.

The Reception Team