

Welcome back



We hope you enjoyed the Easter holidays. The children have returned to school excited and enthusiastic. We are all very excited about this next half term. It is lovely to see the children looking so smart in their uniforms. Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform at all times. We require your child to plain wear black shoes without any colour. Furthermore, please ensure that their name is in all of their clothes and coats. If you have any concerns or questions regarding your child please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff.

Teachers: Mr Jones, Mrs Place, Mrs Robinson & Miss Thompson.

Book Bags, Reading & Homework



Please make sure you send your child's book bag into school everyday with their reading book and reading record.

It is very important that children read regularly at home to develop their understanding and fluency. We encourage the children to read a given book more than once in order to gain a greater understanding and comprehension of the text. We will continue to change your child's book twice weekly. Please sign and comment in the reading record each time your child reads.

Homework is given out on a Friday and must be returned by the following Wednesday. Please support your child with homework and encourage them to take care with all tasks. These include: Reading; letter formation; word building and writing activities; careful counting.

Our Topic Work...



This half term our topic is: '**Are We There Yet?**' In this topic, we will investigate different types of vehicles. This will include: Road vehicles; trains; boats; aeroplanes, balloons and rockets etc.

We will engage the children in a traffic survey around our school, to find out which types of vehicles pass by every day. We will collect the data and record our finding in class. We will be thinking about where you would travel if you had a magic carpet. This will link to places the children have previously visited with their families. As part of this topic, we will be going on a trip to Grosmont in North Yorkshire. The focus of the trip will be about types of transport we use. Additionally, we have arranged a visit from Middlesbrough's Road Safety Team to talk about road safety. This will involve your child walking around the area, identifying the various danger points and the various elements of road safety.

We will continue to collect boxes and interesting objects for junk modelling. Please send these into school with your child.

P.E



PE for Reception Children now takes place on **Monday afternoons**; and as part of the curriculum, all children have to participate. We expect Reception children to do PE in dark shorts, white t-shirt and black PE shoes. Please put your child's name in their PE kit as this will be left on their peg and will be sent home at the end of each half term to get washed. Please encourage your child to be as independent as possible at home with dressing and undressing, as they are increasingly expected to get changed independently in class. Thank you for your support. **In order to help keep your child safe, we ask that children do not wear any jewellery on their PE day.**

Attendance and Punctuality

We would like to remind you that the Academy day starts at 8.40am. Please make sure your child is lined up on their colour spot ready to come into the academy. **Thank you for your continued help and support.**