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Class R Curriculum Letter

Date: September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that this letter makes dates, times and general information clear and enables you to see what we will be covering in class R this term. There are also suggestions about how you could support your child's learning at home. We strongly believe that a close link between school and home is essential for your child's development, with this in mind we will often update you with regards to your child's learning on Tapestry.

In reception we like to keep our curriculum and topics linked as closely to the children's interests as possible and to be responsive and adaptable when we can. We will make observations, listen to your child's interests, and create learning opportunities and experiences which are linked to those interests.

Autumn Term 2025

Teachers: Mrs Noden (Mon/Tues/every other Wed, Mrs Johnson (Thurs/Friday Every other Wed)

Teaching assistants: Mrs Freeman (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday) Mrs Clasper (Wednesday) Mrs Bustin (Wednesday afternoon)

Important Dates:

18th September – PTA AGM 6pm in the school hall (we always welcome new members, is this something that you could help us with and would you like to be more involved in school life? Mrs Noden (as a parent – but she sadly can't make this meeting) usually attends these meetings so please speak to her if you have any questions.
26th September MacMillan Parents Coffee afternoon 2pm Children wear Green. Children will remain in class and have their own "coffee afternoon"
27th September- Visiting Book fair week
29th September – Parents Phonics and reading workshop – 2:15pm – We STRONGLY ENCOURAGE YOU TO ATTEND THIS.
13th October - Harvest Celebrations in school (children asked to bring a donation for the Market Drayton Food Bank)
03rd October DEAR
13th October – Enrichment week in school – "When I grow up"
14th October – visiting author and illustrator – PTA funded
15th October – Flu nasal spray
16th October – PTA fashion show
17th October – break up for Half Term holidays
3rd November – PD day for Staff – another days holiday for children!
4th November – back to school after half term for everyone!
8th November – DEAR
7th November – PTA bonfire night
11th 12th November – Parents Evening

5th December – DEAR

16th December – Nativity play 2pm

17th December – Nativity Play 2pm

18th December – Christmas Church service (You are all invited to join us at 2pm at St Luke's Church Hodnet) TBC – pick up of children is from Hodnet Church

19th December – Non uniform day and Christmas parties

Helping your child at home:

It is important that children have time to socialise, take part in out of school activities, relax and have time to play, but to support your child with their learning journey it is also important that they have the opportunity to focus on a small amount of home learning. I can not emphasis the link between shared learning at home and the progress children make in the classroom enough, enjoying the shared learning experience at home and school has such a massive impact on children's confidence, enthusiasm and engagement in their learning in school.

Please can I remind you about how important this daily reading with your child is.

- Daily reading- 5/10 minutes – as your child gets books with words in (after week 3) we encourage this every night and have one night off a week – this is easier than negotiating with children about it each night. Please note that all the children in school are asked to read a book at least twice to aid fluency. We will discuss this further at the phonics meeting.
- Learning phonemes and key words (tricky words) when these will be sent home on a Friday in their home learning folder, they can stay at home or in their book bag until the following Thursday.

We will keep you updated with home learning on Tapestry.

Woodland learning: This term Woodland learning will take place on Wednesday mornings. We will address all 7 aspects of the curriculum in Woodland learning sessions. This will start in week 2 of the term. It is essential that all children can take part fully in these sessions, we teach maths, English and phonics outside in forest schools on a Wednesday morning. Children need to be dressed in appropriate clothing for the weather that day, at this time of year we would advise lots of layers, especially thick socks with Wellington boots as the weeks grow chillier.

Please remember the Forest Schools ethos: "There is no such weather as bad weather: just bad clothing.

Children should come in dressed for **PE on Friday** – if you need a reminder of our PE Kit policy, please see the school website.

We hope you find this information useful in supporting your child at home. If you have any questions or concerns, please approach us at school.

Yours sincerely

The EYFS Team