



Autumn Term 2021

Welcome!

Welcome to our First Term in Early Years!

We hope that you all had a lovely Summer break and are ready for the term ahead. We follow the Early Years Foundation Stage Guidance which has seven broad areas of learning. The Early Years Foundation Stage Principles help us to support each child's development as an individual in all aspects of their lives; helping them to become independent learners that contribute to their community socially, physically and academically.

New topic!

During the Autumn term the children will be exploring the topics 'Guess who?' and 'Dark nights/Let's celebrate!' These topics will involve children learning about themselves and others—exploring a range of different celebrations and festivals from other parts of the world, as well as looking at themselves and how we are the same and different. They will also explore changes in seasons, learn about nocturnal animals and explore some poetry related to colours, sounds and rhyme.



Reading and Reading Awards

Children will bring home two books to begin with. They will bring home three books after we have undertaken some assessments. This will take some time.

One book will be a coloured book band book and contain words that they may need help with and that you can read together.

The second book will be a book chosen from our class library, a reading for pleasure book, that you can share together.

The third book will be a phonic levelled book, set at their reading level. This may be a book with no words to begin with, until they learn to recognise some sounds and words.

Your children's books will be changed once a week. Children will be heard to read throughout the week. From half term onwards, Sounds, High Frequency and Tricky words learnt will also be checked.

Please remember to record in your child's home-school diary every time you listen to your child 'read' so they start to get reading awards. Your child will need to share books at home at least 5 times each week to get their name put into the reading raffle, where they have the chance to win a book to bring home and keep. The books you share do not always need to be school books.

Children will shortly be given a unique username and password to access our 'bug club' online readers. This provides children with further reading material, as well as their weekly class reading book.



Your support.

Home learning continues to be important and valuable for the children. It really is crucial that parents take an active role in their child's learning. Doing the simplest of things such as talking to your child about what they are learning in class to completing weekly homework tasks together makes all the difference. Research shows that if we want our children to thrive then we need to help them not only to read but to enjoy reading—so please, get reading, sharing and loving books together!! Thank you for your support and we look forward to a great term working together.

Other useful reminders

Please ensure that your child **always** has the following items in school:

- Coat (**named**)
- Water bottle (**named**)
- PE kit including plimsolls and an outdoor kit including trainers (**named**)
 - RLK class - PE day is a Tuesday.
 - RE class - PE day is a Friday.
- Book bag or similar with reading book and reading diary and homework folder.

Dates for your diary

EYFS Parent reading workshop - 21st September

Reception trip to Mistley Woods - 14th October

Half term holiday week beginning 25th October

Last day of Autumn term 17th December

5th January start of Spring Term

Remember that lots of useful information can be found on our website:

<http://www.st-osyth.essex.sch.uk/>

Our Calendar

<https://st-osyth.essex.sch.uk/calendar/>

Our Newsletters

<https://st-osyth.essex.sch.uk/news/>

Our Curriculum

<https://st-osyth.essex.sch.uk/curriculum-and-classes/early-years/>

Our Safeguarding

<https://st-osyth.essex.sch.uk/key-information/information-hub/#safeguarding>

