



Reception at New Hartley First School

Autumn 1 – Regulate Me



Happy Autumn Term! Welcome to Reception!

Whether you have been with us for Nursery, or joining us as we move into Reception, I am so incredibly proud of each and every one of the children. They are taking to Reception life and picking up routines so well. Thank you for your support in ensuring your little ones come in with a smile each day!

Dates to remember:

EYFS coffee and catch up - Wednesday 16th September - 9am - School Hall
Reception Vision Screening - Friday 18th September
School photographs - Friday 2nd October
Harvest Festival – Thursday 15th October
Pumpkin Stay and play – TBC likely within week 7/8 of term
Parent's evenings - Tuesday 20th, Wednesday 21st October
Pantomime – Friday 23rd October
Flu immunisations – Thursday 22nd October (ensure you have completed your NHS form)
End of half term – Friday 23rd October

Please remember to name all of your children's belongings!

Please bring a pair of wellies to school (named) to be kept under each child's peg.



The idea of our little wish tree is to let you know at home some of the small items we use a lot of at school and if you could occasionally add them to your shopping list or collect them at home and bring them in we would be very grateful. There is no pressure to donate. Thank you.

Our Wish Tree

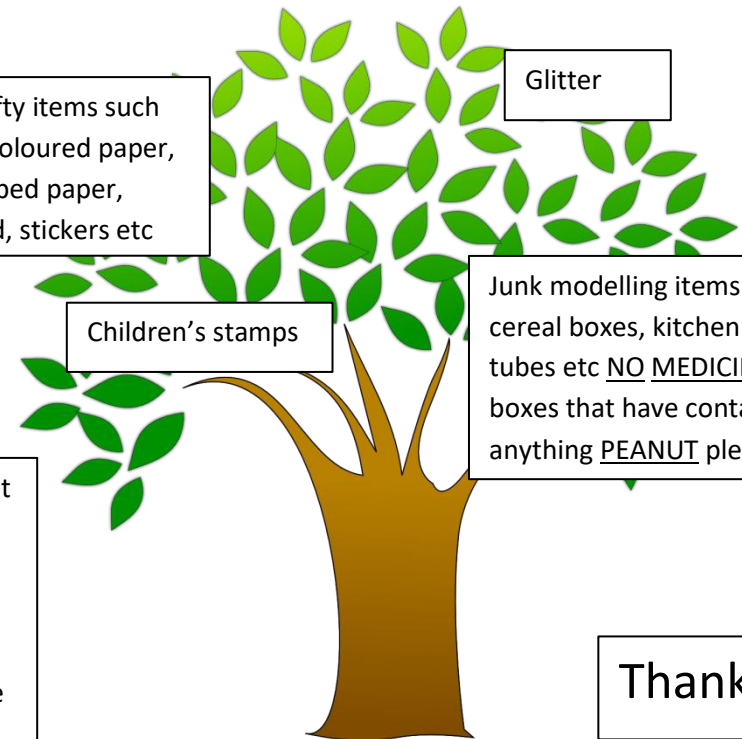
Crafty items such as coloured paper, shaped paper, card, stickers etc

Glitter

Children's stamps

Junk modelling items such as cereal boxes, kitchen roll tubes etc NO MEDICINE or boxes that have contained anything PEANUT please.

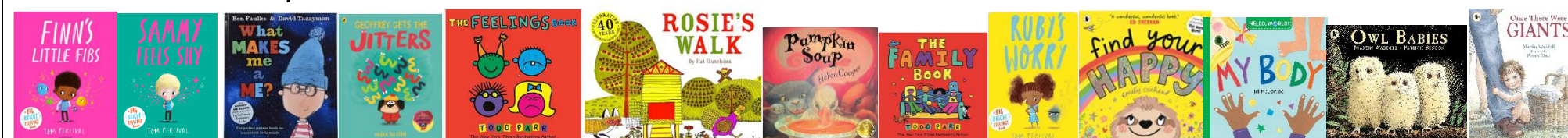
Thank you!



<u>Early Years Curriculum</u> <u>Early Years Curriculum</u> In Reception the children follow the Foundation Stage Curriculum which is supported by Development Matters. The curriculum is split into 7 areas of learning. In Nursery the children concentrate on the Prime Areas of learning and touch on the Specific Areas. In Reception we build upon the skills learnt in Nursery and the Prime Areas and begin to focus more on the Specific Areas. This is explained further in the breakdown of what we will be up to this half term. We will be keeping in touch over Tapestry. We hope to send little homework tasks home and show you what we are up to. Please make sure you have activated your account, and check it regularly, if you have any problems with your account please email: admin@nhfs.uk	Prime Area – Communication and Language Our biggest challenge at the start of Reception is to learn and continue to develop the difficult skill of listening. To support us in this we will be playing listening games. We will be trying to take it in turns to talk in small groups and in whole class situations too. You can encourage this at home too.  The children will be introduced to new vocabulary and encouraged to explore unknown words. We have our Story voting everyday where the children vote for the story they would like to hear at the end of the day. This encourages children to make choices but also engage with the story they have chosen. We are also introducing our Special box - more information to follow.	Prime Area – Personal, Social and Emotional Development Our focus this half term is to further get to know one another. Find out... Our names, Who is in our family, Who lives in our house, What we like, What we don't like, And what we want to be when we grow up.  We will also be working hard to share and care. We will be learning the importance of turn taking, sharing the tools, equipment and toys and trying to be empathic like our character Eddie the Empathic Elephant. We will be building relationships, relationships with each other and relationships with the grown-ups in our classroom and our school. We will also be learning the rules of our new classroom.	Prime Area – Physical Development <u>PE Days – Wednesday and Friday</u> please wear your house-coloured t-shirt with dark shorts, leggings or joggers, trainers or sand shoes too. <u>NO LACES!</u>  This half term we are concentrating on multi-skills. On a Friday we have our active Northumberland coach in to take our PE session. Physical development is not just about PE. We enjoy a daily run in the morning. We go outside in the garden everyday regardless of the weather and we have opportunity to explore the climbing frame, the climbing apparatus and the bikes and scooters. Fine Motor development is VERY important in Early Years look out for some of our activities on Tapestry. We will be enjoying things like - threading, weaving, using tweezers, cotton bud painting.  As well as daily dough disco and some squiggle whilst we wiggle sessions.
Specific Area – Literacy Enjoying reading and writing is something we promote very highly at New Hartley. We will be enjoying daily reading slots, including our story vote. We will be linking a lot of our other learning through the stories we read. We will explore writing for different purposes. Making our mark known. We will be practising writing our names.	Specific Area – Mathematics In Maths, we will be concentrating on numbers 0 - 5. We will be exploring the composition of numbers and learning about what each number is made up of. We will enjoy watching Numberblocks to support and develop our understanding of numbers. We will also go on exciting number hunts and take part in a variety of fun number games.	Specific Area – Knowledge and Understanding of the World We will be learning about the season of Autumn and exploring the changes we can see in the world around us. We will also learn about Bonfire Night and talk about how and why it is celebrated. We will explore the theme of families, learning that every family is different and talking about the different people who can make up a family. We will learn more about where we live and go to school, exploring our local area and	Specific Area – Expressive Arts and Design We will be exploring Marvellous Marks and using a variety of different materials and media to create and experiment with marks. We will have lots of opportunities to explore how different tools and materials can be used in creative ways. We will be drawing and painting our own self-portraits, thinking carefully about our features and using colour to represent

We will be starting our Reception phonics sessions where we will be working on segmenting and blending. We will learn all the initial letter sounds too. An introduction to phonics meeting is coming up to show you how you can support at home. 	Through number stories and jigsaws, we will develop our mathematical thinking and problem-solving skills. We will also take our Maths learning outdoors, giving us opportunities to explore and practise our number skills in different environments. 	finding out about New Hartley and the community around us. We will also think about how we have grown and changed, looking at how we were different when we were babies and how we have developed as we have grown. As part of our E-Safety learning, we will enjoy <i>Digiduck's Big Decision</i>. We will learn about how to stay safe when using iPads, iPhones and other digital devices.	ourselves. We will also explore different colours and investigate what happens when we mix and combine them.  In Music, we will explore the sounds we enjoy and have opportunities to listen, sing and make music together. We will learn the names of a variety of musical instruments and explore how they are played, for example, by tapping, blowing or strumming.
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Stories focused on in Reception this half term are



Our school character virtues

Dotty Dragonfly 	Eddie Elephant 	Hugo Hedgehog 	Polly Puffin 	Rosie Rabbit 
Determination	Empathy	Honesty	Positivity	Respect

In Reception the children are introduced to our whole school behaviour management strategy. Daily a child in our class is identified as showing one of the above virtues. That child will bring home a small certificate to share with you, and their name will be put on a golden ticket. The golden tickets get put into the class jar. At the end of the week one of the golden tickets is selected at random and that child has the opportunity to play games, have a chat whilst enjoying juice and biscuits with Mrs Dowdney.

School 360

Please keep a look out for a message on Tapestry regarding your child's school 360 account. This will be coming soon.

Regular adults in Reception are;

Miss Elliott, Mrs Thompson
Other adults you might see;
Mrs Nelson, Mrs Madden, Miss Lamb, Mrs Fielding, Mrs McAthey, Mrs English

Reception Baseline – Government baseline – In the first few weeks of school your child will complete some simple activities with Miss Elliott to complete the baseline. More information can be found by googling Reception Baseline information for parents 2026 or following the link below, any questions please do not hesitate to ask.
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/reception-baseline-assessment-information-for-parents/reception-baseline-assessment-information-for-parents>