



Dear Parents and Carers,



Welcome to Reception! We are absolutely thrilled to welcome you and your child to the Starfish class as we begin an exciting new school year this September. Starting Reception is a major milestone. Our primary focus over the next few weeks is to help your child feel safe, settled, and happy.

Essential Information for September

- Your child's teachers are Mrs Debbie Harper and Mrs Jo Railston. Mrs Harper is in school Monday to Wednesday and Mrs Railston is in school Wednesday to Friday.
- The School Day: School starts at 8.45AM, the school gate opens at 8.40 and will be closed at 8.55. School finishes at 3.15.
- School Uniform: Please ensure all uniform items—including coats, shoes, and PE kits—are clearly labelled with your child's name.
- Water Bottles & Snacks: Please send your child with a named water bottle filled only with water. A healthy fruit or vegetable snack is provided by the school daily.
- Spare Clothes: Accidents do happen! Please pack a spare set of underwear, socks, and uniform in a bag.
- PE: The children will have a PE lesson with our sports coach on a Thursday. For the Autumn term please send children into school on a Thursday in their normal uniform and bring their PE kit in in a bag as they will change in school.

Our Theme

This half term, our class topic is "Who am I?". We will explore this topic through stories and fun, hands-on activities to ease back into our routine. In Maths this half term we will be exploring matching, sorting and comparing objects. measurement and patterns

Building Independence at Home

You can greatly help your child's confidence this term by practicing these small skills at home:

- Putting on and zipping up their own coat
- Changing their shoes independently (velcro is highly recommended!)
- Using the toilet and washing their hands thoroughly
- Recognising their own written name on their belongings

Staying in Touch

We believe that a strong partnership between home and school is vital for your child's success. We will be using Class Dojo to share updates, photos of your child's learning journey, and important notices. Please ensure you have downloaded the app and logged in. If you have any immediate questions, worries, or information you need to share about your child, please do not hesitate to speak to us.

Thank you for your support. We look forward to a wonderful year of learning, play, and growth together!

Debbie Harper and Jo Railston