

Autumn Term 2018

Reception Newsletter

Thank you for taking the time to come and visit our school. It was lovely to meet you and talk about everything that makes Lanesend stand out. We thought you might like an insight into what goes on during the Reception year, so we are going to be writing termly newsletters to share highlights of how we teach children to love learning. If you would like any more information about our fabulous school or have any questions, please email:

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The start of a stand out learning journey...

It is hard to believe, but the first seven weeks of our new Reception children's learning journey at Lanesend has already flown by. It has been a busy time; involving making new friends, learning the routines and settling into daily life at Lanesend. The majority of children have been full time since day one and have begun taking part in Phonics, Maths and P.E sessions, as well as our weekly 'Explorability Groups,' where they get to choose art, science, gardening, cooking or ICT activities to take part in. The children have also performed in their first whole school celebration, singing a traditional version of 'Dingle Dangle Scarecrow' at our Harvest assembly, as well as taking part in Mile Run, buddy class reading and after school clubs. We have held family meetings to discuss the Early Years Curriculum, Tapestry and home learning, as well as having our first pupil progress meetings with families, where it was a pleasure to talk about each child individually. It has been a joy to watch their love for learning grow and we look forward to the learning opportunities that the rest of the year will bring.

The Reception Team



Visitors and Experiences

The children have made lots of memories this term and have been inspired by a range of visitors into school. We have begun Music Explorers and Laura comes in every week to teach us new songs and dances, as well as how to play lots of different instruments. She is now a familiar face and the children look forward to her visits every Wednesday afternoon. We also had a 'Wicked' Wizard of Oz themed day, with an opportunity to take part in a dance workshop where the children amazed us by learning a full routine in just half an hour. We also had a storytelling workshop and built our own yellow brick road. Another memorable event was our 'wow' day, which involved a visit from Paul Sturges, who is the UK's tallest man and a professional basketball player. He taught us some basketball tips and tricks, as well as inspiring us to be proud of who we are and what makes us unique. The author Peta Rainford also came in as part of the Isle Wight Literary Festival and shared several stories with the children. Next half term, we already have a visit to Cowes Library planned, as well as a handwashing workshop with the school nurses and lots more surprises....



Home Learning

We have been so pleased with the commitment shown by the children and their families towards their home learning. Over half of the children in Reception have gained their first Regular Reader certificate, for reading at home at least four times each week during this term. They collect rainbow coloured certificates and then receive a prize at the end of the year. We have also had lots of home learning brought in or shared on Tapestry, linked to our Autumn Term home learning grid challenges. Ruby's Faraway Tree is just one of many excellent pieces.

Our teachers love teaching and teach our children to love learning.