

Welcome to Reception class at Yorke Mead! We hope you had a lovely summer break.

This leaflet is just to give you the information you will need as your child starts in Reception.

### Things to bring to school

#### Bookbag

Book bags are needed **every day** for the children to put in important letters, their pictures and any homework. Please ensure that children leave any toys at home, so that the book bags don't get too cluttered. Please ensure that **water bottles are NOT** put in book bags, as this may result in books getting ruined.



#### PE Kit

P.E. will be on a Monday. Your child will need a red T-shirt and black shorts which should both be labelled in a PE bag. This should stay in school until half term. Please ensure that long hair is tied back for P.E. days and try to ensure that earrings are removed also.

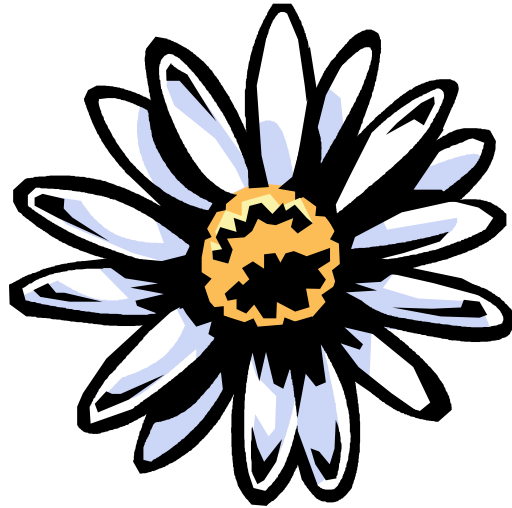
#### A Bottle of Water

Sipping water throughout the day helps to keep the children's brains active. Children need to bring a **named** bottle of water to school each day. Water bottles will be sent home each night so that it can be washed and refilled ready for the next day. Please no juice.





Yorke Mead Primary School



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Reception

### Snack & Lunch



We have two snack times in Reception class. In the morning we have the free fruit and vegetables for schools. If you have ordered milk, your child will have their milk at this time too. For the afternoon we request that parents send in a healthy snack. To save confusion, please label your child's snack.

If your child has a packed lunch please make sure that they have an appropriate amount of food that you would expect them to eat at home. This will help us to encourage them to eat all they have in their lunchbox and ensure that they are not rushing their lunch to get outside.

### Absences

If your child is unable to attend school please could you inform the school by 10am or come and see us when you drop off your other child/ children. On your child's return to school, please send in a letter explaining the reason for their absence.

### Sickness

Please can you keep your child at home for 24hours once they have stopped being sick or had diarrhoea. Sorry for any inconvenience but it is to avoid any bugs being passed around.

### Going Home

If your child is being picked up by someone other than one of their main carers, please could you inform the adult at the gate so they can make a note of this. This also applies if your child is going home with another child in the class.

### Labelling

Please ensure **ALL** items of clothing are named including shoes. This will ensure all clothes are returned when children leave them outside or around the classroom.



### Puddle Suits



Sometimes we will put on our puddle suits and explore our environment. As some days it may be very wet and muddy, please can you keep an old pair of socks in your child's book bag. We apologise in advance if your child comes home muddy. Your child also needs a **labelled pair of wellington boots** in school to be worn at any time during the week when necessary.

### Home Learning

Once settled in, we will start sending children home with sound cards. We kindly ask that parents provide a small tubaware box, labelled with their name, for these to be stored in. They are for use at home and in school so



should be kept in their book bags with their reading records. Once they become familiar with these, they can start to make their own 2-3 letter words to help them with their phonic development.

### Skills

Below are a list of skills that we expect children to *work towards*; we would appreciate your help in encouraging them to reach these goals.

Put on their own coats and do up their zips and toggles

Write their name with correct letter formation (Capital letter at the beginning only)

Count to 20 and then back from 10 to 0

Recite the days of the week

Recite the months of the year

Know their birthdays

Know their address

### What will I be learning?

This term our topic is initially 'Ourselves' until half term then we will focus on 'Woodland Creatures' and 'Winter festivals' as we lead up to the Christmas break.

During the 'Ourselves' topic, we will be thinking about ourselves, our friends and family and people who help us.

The Woodland Creatures topic will involve talking about nocturnal animals, animals that live in the woods, fireworks night and Divali.

For reference, here are the names of our reception team:

Miss Leondiou (Foundation Stage Leader, Willow Class Teacher)

Miss Bell (Lime Class Teacher)

Miss Stoll (Acorn Nursery Teacher)

Mrs Bentley (Willow Class Teaching Assistant)

Mrs Hughes (Lime Class Teaching Assistant)

Mrs Banister (Acorn Class Teaching Assistant)

Mrs Trendell (Early Years Teaching Assistant)

Kind Regards,

*The Reception Team*