



# Knights Templar Community Church School and Nursery

*Work at it with all your heart*

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome to Reception at Knights Templar, it has been lovely to see the children come into school during the first few days with such big smiles, they have confidently approached the new routines and expectations of being at school. Myself and the rest of the EYFS team are really looking forward to getting to know you and working with the children over the course of the coming year.

At Knights Templar, we really value the importance of the early years and we know that if we get the first year at school right, we will set the children up for becoming inquisitive, curious and independent learners for the rest of their school career.

The children have settled in really quickly and it has been lovely to spend time with each key worker group over the past few days. The learning environment has been extremely calm and purposeful. We have begun the year familiarising ourselves with the routines of school as well as getting to know the key adults working in our reception unit and exploring our new learning environment. It has been amazing to see how quickly the children have developed relationships with the staff in class.

At the start of each term you will receive a letter and information about the learning for the coming term- so welcome to the first edition!

## Tapestry

All of the children's Tapestry Online Learning Journal accounts have been activated and you should have received an email inviting you to log in to your child's account. Please check your junk email box as sometimes it can go in there. Please download the app for ease of use.

We will post weekly updates and photos on Tapestry which will provide you with an insight into what your child has been learning and doing at school.



## Settling in Online Meetings

I will be holding online meetings on Monday and Tuesday next week to meet with any parents who wish to chat with me about starting school and their child. Meetings are ten minutes each and you can sign up for a slot by visiting Sam in the school office.

## Routines

Please see below for key information and days for specific activities.



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## **Explorers**

Children will need the below items every Thursday. During our 'Explorer' sessions we visit the wildlife area and explore the great outdoors including building dens, climbing trees and toasting marshmallows on the fire. We also finish our session with hot chocolate and a biscuit!

### **Explorer Kit**

Wellington boots (that can stay at school in a bag on their peg)

Waterproof trousers

Waterproof coat

## **PE**

Our PE sessions will be on Friday afternoons. These will begin before half term so please make sure that your child has a PE kit in school at all times. We always send PE kits home at the end of each half term for a wash and a freshen up.

## **Swimming**

The reception children do not start swimming until after the October half term. Our swimming afternoon will be a Wednesday and children will need to bring a towel and a swimming costume or shorts in a named bag. Goggles are optional- we do have some pairs for the children to borrow.

## **Sharing Books & Reading Books**

All children bring home a book of their choice; these are picture books or non-fiction books for you to share with your child- this could be as a bedtime story or just a reason to snuggle up on the sofa!

These will be changed every Tuesday.

In the next few weeks, children will begin our phonic programme Read, Write Inc. As children progress through the Read, Write Inc phonic programme they will begin to bring home reading books that they will be able to read to you at home. To begin with, these will be books with a single word on a page.

Please make sure book bags come to school every day and that you write in your child's Home School Link Book when you have read with them at home.

I will be holding a parent information session about our Phonics programme and how you can support your child at home in the coming weeks- more information will follow.

If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to come and chat with any of our team, we are always happy to help. We are really looking forward to working with you this year and sharing your child's learning journey with you.

Best wishes,

Mrs Cody, Mrs Robinson, Miss Overall, Miss Barnfield, Mrs Mann & Miss Jukes