



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 in the mornings with big smiles. 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!

Routines

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

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 have plenty of 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 each Tuesday and Friday.

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 Rayson, Mrs Robinson, Miss Overall, Mrs Parsons, Mrs Mann & Miss Jukes