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Welcome to Reception!

Dear Parents/Carers;

Hello I'm Adam Dobson, I'm the teacher of Lions and I am the Head of EYFS. If you missed last week's letter here are some Key messages:

We hope you are as excited as we are about your children starting "big school". The first week is already behind us and was all about routines and getting to know each other. It's our settling in time. Next week is more of the same as we start coming to school for the full day – and we start having lunch at school!

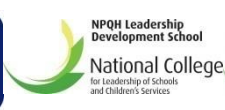
Every week on a Friday we will send out a letter telling you what's ahead for your child. I wanted to make sure that you know what's going on in school as children don't always tell you what they've learnt, what activities they've been doing or even who they played with.

Please remember:

IRIS | ParentMail

- ✓ **Check ParentMail regularly**
- ✓ **Children need their names written in everything (jumpers, coats, book bags, slippers, shoes, uniform)**
- ✓ **No hooped earrings (we recommend no studs either)**
- ✓ **Yellow school book bags everyday**

- **School begins at 8:55am**
- **School ends at 3:15pm**
- **Children will receive a healthy school lunch every day**
- **And will bring home a new book to read everyday**
- **Please come and speak to us. We're here to help**



We're a PAPERLESS School – so you must download & register your **ParentMail App** to receive e-newsletters, to book after-school clubs & Parents' meetings or to confirm consent for educational visits.

Remember communication is so important. If you're worried, unsure about anything or would just like to know how your child is learning, feel free to pop in and see us! It's good to talk.

Children will take part in a short whole-class teaching sessions, followed by a wide range of carefully planned activities to consolidate their learning in class and outdoors. Children are also directed to join in with small group activities led by an adult. Eventually, each child will join a language group, reading and writing group and two maths groups each week.

Our "free flow" sessions take place in the morning and afternoon: each activity covers a range of the Early Years Areas of Development and include Literacy, Physical Development, Personal Social and Emotional Development, Communication and Language, Understanding the World and Expressive Arts and Design. We plan opportunities for children to explore independently, in small groups, with and without adults.



- We will make sure your child brings home a reading book each day and it's important that they have some time at home to read with you. Reading at home is so important, particularly for young children. Please read it together with your child for 10-15 minutes everyday.
- Your child we need their Yellow Book Bag in School every day. As well as reading every day in school, the children feel a bit lost without them.
- If you lose something from your book bag, tell us and we'll replace it as quickly as possible.

As always, please come and see us if you'd like more information on the learning your child is working on. We can help you with tips on things to do at home and useful internet resources. We'd also love to hear about the fun you have at home learning new things together. And of course, keep an eye on Twitter so you can see what we're up to!

Each week I will share a selection of my favourite Reception themed Tweets in the light blue box below. If you already use Twitter, or haven't yet joined, it's a great way to keep up to date with what's going on in Reception and the school as a whole.

Follow me: @AdamDobsonTVI, Deputy Head Claire Smith @ClaireTVI and Head Teacher Paul Jordan's account @TVInfants for more TVI Twitter information.



Twitter highlights from this week's learning



Here are some pictures from this past week in Reception



If you want to see more of what is happening in Reception, sign up to Twitter and follow: @AdamDobsonTVI, @TVInfants, and @ClaireTVI

Please have a little look at the **blue box** below. I will be putting something new in it each week for you to do. Sometimes it will be about what parents can do, other times it will be for children to make something with you. Please read and enjoy the different activities and let me know how it goes. Remember to tweet pictures too!



Family Learning Together

Read a book with your child. Children enjoy listening to stories, but they also like to use their imaginations to make up their own to match the pictures. Silly voices and sound effects bring the stories to life.

Don't forget to tweet a picture and tag us too! ☺
@TVInfants, @AdamDobsonTVI

We hope you'll find this information helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Adam Dobson

Head of EYFS, Reception Leader



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Reception Timetable WB: 20th September	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:55 - 9:10	School starts at 8:55am				
	<i>Welcome and settling period. Children change, then read, their reading book.</i>				
9:10 - 9:30	We are exploring the story 'I Went Walking'				
	I can listen to a story - I Went Walking	I can remember the animals from our story	I can talk about a walk I have been on	I can identify different instruments by their sound	I can describe different animals from the story
9:30 - 11:30	Free Flow Activities (inside)				
	We will develop our social and communication skills by role playing in the 'home corner'.				
	Children can explore the small world and construction area engaging in imaginative and creative play.				
	Directed Activities:				
	Children match shapes to form a pattern	We will explore dinosaurs and natural materials	Children will use scissors to cut straws that they can thread onto string	We will practise our ICT skills and draw pictures on the PC	Children will play a shape sorting game
	Freeflow Activities (outside):				
	Children will experiment with different size containers and tools. They can explore measuring, pouring, emptying and filling. We will use appropriate language to describe what we are doing.				
	We will be playing throwing and catching games to develop our gross motor (big muscles) skills. We will also learn to share and take turns with our friends when playing games.				
11:30-11:45	ICT/Music/Circle time				
	Circle Time: Preparing for our first school lunch time	ICT: I can use the mouse to draw a picture	Music: I can join in with the Teddy Bear song	ICT: I can use the mouse to draw a picture	Music: I can join in with the Teddy Bear song
11:45-1:00	Lunch:				
	We will be helping the children to choose a healthy meal. We will encourage them to try new foods and supporting them using their cutlery and tidying their tray away.				
1:00-1:30	Maths				
	We will begin our maths lessons next week. We will use this time this week to help settle children into the routine of coming back to class after their lunch.				
13:30-14:45	Freeflow:				
	The same activities as the morning freeflow session.				
14:45-15:15	After freeflow children help tidy up cooperatively and learn how to look after our resources. We then read a story together before getting ready to go home.				
Home time	You can talk to your child about the activities they have been doing and perhaps get them to show you. Please read with your child and encourage them to talk about what they can see in the pictures.				