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Welcome to Reception!

Dear Parents/Carers;

Hello I'm Adam Dobson, I'm the teacher of Tigers and I am the Head of EYFS.

We hope you are as excited as we are about your children starting "big school". The first week is coming up, and it is all about routines and getting to know each other. It's our settling in time.

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.

Make sure you continue to check the PARENTMAIL APP to keep up to date. So here it is...

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.

Please remember:

- ✓ Children need slippers and their names written in everything
- ✓ No hooped earrings (we recommend no studs either)
- ✓ Yellow school book bags everyday



- Welcome sessions on Monday 13th September
- School begins at 8:55am
- School ends at 11:45am this week (Tues-Fri)
- Children will receive a healthy school lunch every day
- They will bring home a new book to read everyday



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.

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. Your child we need their Yellow Book Bag in School every day. It's part of their uniform and they feel left out if they don't have it with them.

- We say that we want every child to bring a new reading book home every night. Please read it together with your child for 10-15 minutes everyday
- Check what "book band" your child is reading. Ask your child's class teacher if you're not sure
- We can offer advice about how to develop your child's reading at home
- Your child will also have a Reading Record book. This is solely for you and your child to write in together. Write down a comment after listening to your child every night, encourage your child to write in it too. Seeing you do so, will help your child learn to understand the importance of writing and will help them see themselves as writers too.

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.

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.



Twitter highlights from this week's learning



Here are some pictures from last year



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

Each week I will share a selection of my favourite Reception themed Tweets in the **light blue box** above. 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. Above are examples of Tweets from last year's first week in Reception.

Follow me: @AdamDobsonTVI, and Deputy Head Claire Smith @ClaireTVI for Reception Tweets. There are other staff in school who also Tweet news and information – check out the Head Teacher's, Paul Jordan, account @TVInfants for more TVI Twitter information.

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

Before the weather turns cold go to the park and play a game. Try throwing and catching, hide-and-seek or explore the climbing frame together.

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

We hope you'll find this information helpful.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Adam Dobson".

Adam Dobson

Head of EYFS, Reception Leader



@AdamDobsonTVI

Reception Timetable WB: 13th September	Monday Welcome Sessions	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 learning the rules and routines of being in school				
	Meet your teacher and visit your class	I can learn how to sit nicely in class	I can remember the rules	I can use a computer to draw a picture	I can remember where my place is on the carpet
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:				
	Explore the classroom	We will explore dinosaurs and natural materials	I can trace around my hands	I can use the mouse on the classroom PC's	I can make a long and short snake
	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.				
Home time 11:45	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.				