

# Newsletter Autumn One

## A Warm Welcome to Reception 2021-2022

### Home of the Foxes and the Owls



A HUGE, **warm** welcome to St. Michael in the Hamlet, we are so excited to start your child's journey with us. You may have spotted our EYFS areas have had a little re-vamp over the course of the summer holidays, we can't wait to start using the fabulous playground markings!

### Curriculum

Over the course of the first half of Autumn term we will be exploring the theme

**'Don't Stop Me Now!'**

During the term we will be getting to know your child. We will explore the ideas of determination, friendship, positive relationships, as well as helping your child with getting to know their emotions and all the emotions linked with starting school. A curriculum map is available on our school website, via the reception class page. [Reception – St. Michael In The Hamlet Community Primary School \(stmichaelinthehamletschool.com\)](https://stmichaelinthehamletschool.com)

### Phonics

In reception we teach daily phonics. Phonics is all about learning how to apply the alphabet to reading and spelling. Here at SMITH. we follow Monster Phonics; this is a systematic approach meaning that we teach in a logical progression. For further information, there will be a Zoom meeting on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September. This will be led by Mrs Sheffield and our school phonics lead Miss Powell. The zoom link will be shared on your child's Class Dojo story on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September.

### RBA – Reception Baseline Assessment

Let's start by saying PLEASE DON'T WORRY! You do not need to do anything to prepare your child for the assessment. Your child is unlikely to even know that they are doing an assessment when they are completing the tasks. This is a short, interactive and practical assessment of your child's early literacy, communication, language and mathematics skills when they begin school. Your child will be participating in the reception baseline within the first 6 weeks of starting reception. It is statutory for all schools from September 2021.

For more information, please see our class page on the school website. On there you'll find a link to the government parent guide to the RBA. If you have any further questions, please speak to your child's class teacher.

## Physical Education

We will have indoor PE sessions during the Autumn term on a Tuesday, on this day children should wear their PE kit to school. PE kits will only be needed from **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2021**

The PE uniform is: plain black or blue jogging pants/ shorts, a white t-shirt, a school jumper or cardigan and pumps, plimsolls or trainers. If your child is wearing black plimsolls, please send in a spare pair of shoes as these can be damaged quickly at other times in school day Eg. when playing outdoors.

\* A small plea, can you please make sure all items such as; sun hats, jumpers, packed lunches and water bottles are clearly labelled with your child's name! \*

## Home Readers

We will shortly be sending reading books home with your child, these may be picture books to begin with. These books are to help develop children's willingness to engage with books. Along with their reading book, we will send home a reading log where we ask you to record when you've read or listened to your child reading. We recommend listening to your child about three times per week. We ask that book are brought in on a Friday and we endeavour to send them back out on Monday.

## Active Learn

As a school we have access to an online educational game program, focussed on reading, with access to online books. Inside your child's reading log there will be a username, password and school code. You can use this to dip into these as and when you like, to support their learning in class. All interactive books and activities have been set by the reception team and will reflect the teaching and learning in class.

## Communication

Class Dojo is where you will find messages from your child's class teacher.

We update this regularly and will keep you informed about things happening in class such as day trips, enrichment activities, special events and visitors. This is the most effective and responsive communication tool with your reception teacher.



The Reception Team

Mrs Sheffield, Mrs Horscroft and Ms Fisher (Foxes)  
Mr Cunliffe, Mrs Fortune and Mrs Payne (Owls)