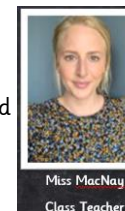


Murphy Class Newsletter



Welcome!

A very warm welcome to all our families! It has been wonderful to see how well the children have settled into Reception over the last 2 days and we are looking forward to welcoming the rest of the class on Monday morning. It has been a great start full of smiles and excitement and we are sure that this will continue throughout the year ahead! Our Reception class is called **Murphy Class** after the author Jill Murphy; we will be reading lots of her books over the year. Each half term we will share our class news, events and celebrations with you through this newsletter.



Miss MacNay
Class Teacher



Mrs Shaw
Teaching Assistant



Mrs White
Class Teacher



Mrs Carr
Cover Teacher (HLTA)



Reminders



- All children need to **bring a named water bottle to school each day**, filled with water (no juice please).
- Please ensure your child's uniform is **clearly labelled with their name**. Thank you for your cooperation.
- Children in Early Years spend a lot of time learning outside. Please ensure your child **brings a waterproof coat to school each day and a bag of spare clothes**.
- We encourage and support the children to be independent in their self-care, especially with putting their shoes and coat on and off. Some fastenings can cause lots of frustration for children so we ask that children wear **velcro fastening shoes** so that they can take them on/off easily.
- Your child will soon start to bring a reading book home. You can purchase a book bag from the online uniform shop. **Please bring book bags into school every day.**



Parent Partnerships – Tapestry and School Website

By now, all parents and carers should have received a link to set up a Tapestry account. If you are having any trouble with this, please speak to Mrs White or Miss MacNay. Tapestry is a great platform to share and celebrate the achievements of your child. We encourage you to upload your own photos and videos. The children are always very excited for us to see their photos from home and we would love **each child to share a 'family photo'** that we can add to our Home Corner display.

We have our own class page on the school website. Please check our page each week to share in our achievements, see what we have been learning about in school and find out ways that you can support learning at home!

<https://www.crossgatesprimary.co.uk/reception-4/>

Favourite 5 and Virtual Library!

Each half term, we will read 5 key texts. This half term, our 'Favourite 5' books are:



Shark in the Dark
Augustus and his Smile
Stanley's Stick
Owl Babies



By reading these 5 stories regularly, children are exposed to lots of new vocabulary. Our 'Grandma Fantastic' collects all of the new vocabulary that we have learnt from each story. We revisit this new vocabulary often, to support children to absorb the language and explore it in a wider context.

Reading Café

We would like to warmly invite you to our weekly Reading Café, which will start on **Wednesday 27th September 2.45pm - 3.15pm**. You are invited to come into the Reception classroom to sit and read with your child and their friends. This will continue each Wednesday afternoon throughout the half term. We look forward to you joining us!



Phonics Workshop

The children will be starting their Phonics lessons from Monday. We would like to invite parents to join us for a meeting to explain how we teach Phonics, what your child will be learning and how you can help with this at home. The workshop will take place on **Wednesday 20th September at 2.30pm**. Please let us know if you are attending.