

# 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; they have made a great start and we are really looking forward to 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.



## The Reception Team



Miss Harrison



Miss Duckett



Miss Wilkinson



Miss Woolley

## Reminders



- All children need to bring a **named** water bottle to school each day, filled with water.
- 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. Each day, please ensure your child brings a waterproof coat, a bag of spare clothes, a pair of wellies and, if possible, an all-in-one puddle suit.
- 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 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.



## Parent Partnerships

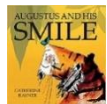
By now, all parents and carers should have received a link to set up a Tapestry account. If you are having any trouble with this, please speak to Miss Harrison. Tapestry is a great platform to share and celebrate the achievements of your child. We encourage you to upload your own photos and videos. The children are always very excited for us to see their photos from home.

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-5>

This term, the children will be starting their phonics sessions. We would like to invite parents/carers 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 in the school hall on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October** at 2.30pm. Please let us know if you are attending.

## Favourite 5 and Virtual Library!

Each half term, we will be reading 5 key texts – This half term, our 'Favourite 5' books are:



Owl Babies  
What's in the Witch's Kitchen  
Augustus and his Smile  
The Same but Different Too  
Room on the Broom



You can listen to Miss Harrison read these stories on our virtual library.

<https://www.crossgatesprimary.co.uk/autumn-1-14/>

## Reading Cafe and Stay and Play

We would like to warmly invite you to our weekly Reading Café every Monday (this half term). Our first reading café will be on **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September**, at 2:45-3:15pm. You are invited to come into the Reception classroom to sit and read with your child and their friends.

Our first Stay and Play session of the year will be on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October** at 2:00pm. We look forward to you joining us at these events!