



Dear Parents and Carers

The Reception team would like to take this opportunity to say welcome to the Bournville family. We feel very privileged that you have chosen to entrust your child in our care and begin their learning journey with us.

In Reception we try to establish a life-long love of learning and we know from experience that the more involved and informed the family is, the more your child will learn. Each term you will receive a newsletter informing you of the new topic, our learning focus and any upcoming events.

You can also hear about what we have been up to on the Bournville website. Check out the Reception pages regularly as you may see a picture of your little one in action.

Our current topic is 'Getting to know you'. Our main aim this term is to settle the children and develop relationships with them so they can feel secure, happy and valued. We will be developing a class code, touring the school ground, playing circle games to help children develop friendships and talking about our homes and our community.

In Maths we will be learning to count accurately and recognise numerals. In our focussed Phonics sessions we will be working within step 1 which helps children develop their listening skills and distinguish between different sounds.

Your child will be bringing home an alphabet sheet showing how we write the letters in cursive and the more your child practises at home the faster they will become familiar with the letter formation.

We will be giving each child a book bag this term and they will begin to bring a library book home. Please share this book with your child and encourage them to talk about the story and what might happen next. This will help you to establish a reading at home routine ready for when they have a reading book which should be read daily to support their learning in school. Children who read regularly even for five minutes a day become independent readers a lot faster and have more confidence.

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We look forward to working with you in helping your child continue their learning adventure.

The Reception team

