



Parent Information Sheet

Acorn Class - Reception

Mrs Curtis and Miss Lane

Reading

To support with your child's reading development, we ask that you listen to your child read for at least 10 minutes, every day. Your child will have a reading record book. Please can each read at home be recorded in this book. In class, there is a daily phonics session which has a specific focus as well as opportunities to consolidate previous learning. New sounds and words to be read by sight will be sent home in books to be practised.

Maths

In Reception, children are expected to have a deep understanding of numbers to 10. This includes the composition of each number (eg $4+1$ makes 5, $3+2$ makes 5). Children are also expected to automatically recall simple subtraction facts (eg $5-3$ makes 2). Subitising (recognising quantities without counting) features heavily and children are expected to talk about what they see (eg I know that's 5 because I can see a 4 and a 1). Children are expected to count to 20 and beyond with 1:1 correspondence, recognise and order numerals to at least 10 and confidently name one more/one less than a given number. Odds and evens, doubling and sharing quantities will also be explored as we progress through the year. We also look at number formation and there is an expectation that children form their numbers to 10 correctly before moving into year 1. We use lots of resources to support our learning including numicon and tens frames.

Home Learning

Alongside daily reading, children are expected to learn their phonic sounds using flashcards sent home. They are also expected to practise the formation of each letter. Common exception words are sent home for reading and spelling. There will be occasional topic homework. Picture books are sent home to share as a family. We ask for weekly 'Observation Stars' to be completed and returned.

PE

Our PE day is Tuesday. Children can come in to school wearing their PE kits. The expectation is that children wear a red polo shirt (with or without the school logo), black shorts, skort or tracksuit bottoms/leggings, and black plimsolls or trainers. Long hair must be tied back with a plain hairband.



Communication



Please feel free to contact me using the class email address acorn@eastsomersetfederation.co.uk for non-urgent messages, and to use the school office for general enquiries or more urgent matters. Please also use the communication books in bookbags as these are looked at daily. Clear communication helps us respond quickly and ensures your messages reach the right person. Please provide communication if alternative travel arrangements are in place for any given day. Can any changes to your child's usual travel arrangements be communicated via the school office — ideally in the morning, and no later than 2:30pm. Please use the email address: uptonoffice@eastsomersetfederation.co.uk. Many thanks.

Uniform

Our school uniform helps children feel part of our school family and ready for learning each day. Thank you for supporting us in keeping our uniform smart and consistent. Our uniform is as follows: white polo shirt, red sweatshirt or cardigan, dark grey skirt, shorts or trousers, red check or striped dress, black shoes and black, grey or white socks.

Attendance

Every day in school matters. Good attendance helps children make progress, build friendships and enjoy their learning. Please make sure your child attends regularly and arrives on time each day. In line with statutory guidance, Upton Noble Primary School will not authorise any requests for term-time leave unless the circumstances are both exceptional and unavoidable. Thank you for your support with giving your child the best possible start in education.

Many thanks for your support.