



# Welcome to Conkers Class!

Hello everyone!

Our names are Mrs Bennett and Mr Mortimer and we are going to be the teachers in Conkers class this year. We hope that you have enjoyed a wonderful summer holiday! The aim of this booklet is to provide parents who have children starting in Reception with some useful information about school. We look forward to seeing you soon!

### Things your child will need:

- A school bag with their name on
- A water bottle - water inside only please!
- A coat - Please ensure your child comes to school with a coat everyday. The weather can change very quickly and your child may need a coat.
- A sun hat.
- If it is a hot day, please put sun cream on your child before they come to school.
- Please ensure that your child's name is in all of their uniform (even shoes).
- If you wish, a healthy snack. However, all children are provided with fruit and milk at morning breaktime.
- A packed lunch if your child is not having a school lunch. Every morning we take the lunch register. Please ensure that your child knows if they are having a hot lunch or a pack up. Menus are sent home for your reference every half term. You may wish to discuss your child's meal preference with them before they come to school.

Please see the class newsletter for information about P.E sessions.

This half term newsletters will be printed. After this half term they will be sent electronically.

### **Our Curriculum:**

We plan our daily and weekly activities from the 'Development Matters' learning intentions of the EYFS. The Early Years Curriculum has 7 areas of learning. 3 Prime areas and 4 Specific areas and we work towards gaining a good level of development by the end of Reception.

The Prime Areas of Learning			
Communication and Language	Physical Development	Personal, Social and Emotional Development	

  

The Specific Areas of Learning			
Literacy	Mathematics	Expressive Arts and Design	Understanding the world

Please see the separate letter regarding your child's reading journey and phonics tuition.

A typical day in Reception:

Every day, your child will enjoy:

**Morning:**

- Phonics
- Choosing time
- Drawing Club
- Snack and story
- Break time
- Choosing time
- Maths activity
- Lunch

**Afternoon:**

- Talk through stories session
- Choosing time
- Group or individual read
- Topic time
- Choosing time
- Story before home

We will record your child's learning in a personal 'Learning Journal'. We will send these home for your perusal on a termly basis. We encourage you to send in any notes / photographs about your child's learning experiences at home, which we will gladly add to their journal!

### **Staffing in Conkers**

Monday - Wednesday afternoon - Mrs Bennett

Wednesday afternoon - Mrs Mitchell

Thursday & Friday - Mr Mortimer

Teaching assistants - Mrs Raines (Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday)

Mrs Richardson - Tuesday

Just a little note... we are so pleased to be your child's teachers this year - we cannot wait to get started and meet you all!

Kind regards,

Mrs Bennett & Mr Mortimer