

Welcome to Reception!

We want you to feel prepared and supported as you help your child begin their learning journey with us at Meriden C of E Primary school—please ask if you are unsure of anything.

What you need to know as a parent

Your child needs a:

- coat on rainy and cold days and a sun hat and cream applied on sunny days.
- **named** water bottle and **named** book bag in school everyday.
- Spare change of **named** clothes in their book bag

All uniform and socks and shoes need to be **clearly named (in obvious places)**.

On a Thursday, your child will be given two reading books out of our EYFS/KS1 library. This needs to be returned on the following Wednesday in preparation to have a new book on Thursday. One book will mirror the sounds we have been learning at school. The second book will have a child text and parent text where you can share your child's book with them.

On a Friday about 10.30am, the cook makes toast for everyone who has ticked on parent pay that their child can have tuck at a cost of 30p a week.

'Busy Books' are homework books. These will contain a sheet to support your child's learning at school. Busy work will be sent out every half term. Evidence of activities completed can be added to the book, sent by email to the teacher or shared on Twitter or Teams.

Reception attend the whole school Well Done Assembly on a Friday morning where they might be awarded Star of the Week, a lunch time award or a dojo certificate and award (if they win the duck race!)

If you haven't already, you will need to join ParentMail as information and newsletters will be sent to you quickly and easily. Please read the school newsletter and pay special attention to the important dates section as this will have lots of things like open mornings and dress down days highlighted for you.

As a foundation stage we write a weekly newsletter which is put on the Foundation page of the school website—

[Foundation Stage | Meriden CE Primary \(meridenceprimaryschool.com\)](http://meridenceprimaryschool.com) please look at this weekly so you are kept up to date with your child's learning.

A snapshot of Reception!

Take a look to see what you can expect
this year!

Overview of Half Termly Topics:

Autumn Term 1 — It's good to be me includes looking at ourselves, school, families, homes/houses around the world, people who help us and transport/vehicles.

Autumn Term 2 — The world around us is when we learn about Autumn, Diwali, fire safety, Remembrance, World rhyme week, the story of Grace and family and The Nativity.

Spring Term 1 — Adventure above and below the clouds includes learning about seasons/weather, Chinese New Year, space and under the sea.

Spring Term 2 — Celebrations involves learning about Noah's Ark. This term we also produce a Mothers' Day Assembly and learn about Easter and spring. A farm trip will also take place this term.

Summer Term 1 — Tell me a tale includes learning through traditional tales such as Jack and the Beanstalk, The three little pigs, The Three Billy Goats Gruff, Goldilocks and the three bears, Little Red Riding hood.

Summer Term 2 — The Great Outdoors is our final topic of the year and includes learning about Farms and animals and reading the story Lighthouse Keepers lunch!