



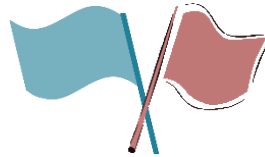
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Welcome to Reception

Dear Parents and Carers,



Monday 11th September 2023

As the first week commences, I would like to take a moment to welcome you once more to the Warden House community and express our deepest gratitude for your hospitality during the home visits. It was lovely to meet our newest school members on a one-to-one basis and to begin to see their personalities shine. We are very excited to dive into a new academic year and begin your child's exciting new journey through school. This should be a time for new opportunities, friendships, and excitement. However, we do understand this can be daunting time. If you do have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in contact.



Please find our term overview below. This will detail information about your child's learning for their very first term at school. This is linked to the 7 key areas of learning in Reception: Communication and Language, Personal, Social and Emotional Development, Physical Development, Literacy, Maths, Understanding the World and Expressive Arts and Design.

On Wednesday the 13th of September, children will receive their first book from the school. This book will be labelled as a '**Sharing book**'. This book is intended to provide more reading opportunities for families and extend the children's exposure to vocabulary. The children are **not** expected to read these books. Rather, they should simply enjoy the story as it is being told to them. On Monday the 18th of September, you should expect your child to bring home their first phonics book. This book will not have any words in it and will only have pictures. This will allow your child an opportunity to make their own story. Please ensure to ask lots of questions and encourage your child to tell you objects they can see on the page, or make up their own story.

The week after, your child will start bringing home two new books every Monday. The '**Sharing book**' and a second '**Phonics book**' linked to their current Phonics stage. According to our learning approach, your child will be keeping the same two books for the week and is encouraged to reread the same book again and again. This will allow your child to memorise the visual representation of the words and make those much needed connections.



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We ask that you comment in your child's **reading record** when they have finished reading their phonics book at the end of each day, noting any difficulties or any successes they might have had. Please add any other communications in the Reading Record so our staff could write you a response. We would appreciate if your child would have the Reading Record in their book bag every day. Both books must be returned and changed to new books each Monday.

We also will be sending home Homework tasks every Friday. Please support your child to remember to complete those every week.



Our PE day is **Wednesday**, so please send children to school with their Warden House PE tops/joggers and trainers on this day.

If you are unsure of anything at all after reading this letter and looking through the information on our website, then please do not hesitate to get in touch through my school email elise.wyatt@warden-house.kent.sch.uk and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Kind regards,

Miss Wyatt and Mrs Weir



Communication and language:

Children will begin to understand how to listen carefully and why listening is important, whilst engaging in daily story times.

Physical development:

Children will further develop the skills they need to manage the school day successfully: lining up and queuing, mealtimes and personal hygiene.

They will develop their fine and gross motor skills in activities accessed through continuous provision.

They will access PE every **Wednesday** with a focus on agility.

Expressive Arts and Design:

Children will develop storylines in their pretend play.

They will explore, use and refine a variety of artistic effects to express their ideas and feelings.

They will explore a range of sounds using their bodies, voices and surroundings.

Overview

Children will consider what makes them special. They will practise talking about their feelings and learn how others may have different feelings to them. They will also think about what makes a good friend and a great learner.



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Maths:

Children will match and sort objects and compare amounts. They will learn that objects can be compared and ordered according to size using language such as: big, little, large and small. They will copy, continue and create their own simple repeating patterns.

Literacy:

Children will be following our Little Wandle Phonics scheme to access daily Phonics lessons and 3 x weekly group reading sessions. They will begin to read individual letters sounds, write initial sounds and focus on their pencil grip.

PSED:

Children will learn to express their feelings, allowing them to share and show how they feel. They will learn to develop their confidence in their new surroundings and how to be responsible for their belongings. Whilst building new friendships they will learn to work together as part of a team and begin to understand simple rules.

Understanding the World:

Children will be encouraged to talk about members of their immediate family and community. They will name and describe people who are familiar to them.