

# Welcome to the Reception at Yorke Mead!

## Things to bring to school

### Book bag

Book bags are needed every day for the children to put in important letters, their pictures and reading books. Please ensure that children leave any toys at home, so that the book bags do not get too cluttered. Please ensure that water bottles are **not** put in book bags, as they may leak which may result in books getting ruined. As storage space is limited we encourage children to use a book bag rather than a rucksack where possible.



### A Bottle of Water

Children need to bring a **named** bottle of water to school each day. Water bottles will be sent home each night so that it can be washed and refilled ready for the next day.



### Snack & Lunch



We have two snack times in Reception. We are provided with a piece of fruit or vegetable for each child. You may wish to send in an additional snack. This should be:

- fruit and vegetables including raisins or dried fruit
- cheese
- plain breadsticks

Please could snack pots be labelled.

### Absences

If your child is unable to attend school, please could you inform the school by 10am.

### Sickness

Please keep your child at home for 48 hours once they have stopped being sick or had diarrhoea.

### Going Home

If your child is being picked up by someone other than one of their main carers, please inform a member of staff at the door in the morning. This also applies if your child is going home with another child in the class.

### Labelling

Please ensure **all** items of clothing are named including shoes.

### Outside clothing



In Reception we like to explore our outside environment. Your child will need a **labelled coat and pair of wellington boots in a named plastic bag (boots will be kept in school)**

### PE kits

Your child will need a red t-shirt, black PE shorts and trainers/plimsolls in their PE bag. We encourage children to change as independently as possible so please ensure they are wearing clothes they can remove easily. Our PE day is Wednesday, and we will begin changing for PE lessons from Wednesday 21st September.

### Library books

Your child will be coming home with a library book they have selected themselves each week. This will be changed on Fridays.

### Reading books

In the next few weeks, children will be bringing home a school reading book as well as being issued an e-book from our new Reading scheme. You will receive further information about this at the Reading meeting.

### Reading meeting

We will be holding a reading meeting on **23<sup>rd</sup> September** in the school hall at **9am** to talk about the phonics programme and how you can help your child at home. If you are unable to attend, we will send home the PowerPoint.

### Skills

Below is a list of skills that we expect children to work towards; we would appreciate your help in encouraging them to reach these goals.

Putting on their own coats and doing up their zips and toggles.  
Independently using the toilets and **washing their hands with soap**  
Independently blowing and wiping their nose.  
Counting to 20 and then back from 10 to 0  
Knowing the days of the week  
Knowing the months of the year

### What will we be learning?

The Early Years curriculum consists of seven areas of learning:

- Communication and language
- Physical development
- Personal, social and emotional development
- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the world
- Expressive arts and design

Our learning is largely topic based. We aim to incorporate each area of learning into our topics.

We start the year with a 'Marvellous Me' topic, in which we celebrate our similarities and differences.

We look forward to working with you all this year,  
The Reception Team