

## SETTLING IN – PREPARING YOUR CHILD FOR RECEPTION

- **Get to know other children coming to Reception**

Talk to your child about getting to know more children and making new friends.

- **Be enthusiastic about school**

Your child will be influenced by your attitude, if you are positive about school, your child will be too.

- **Talk to your child about what to expect at school**

Answer any questions they might have, and talk to them about staff, other children, the school day. (story ideas below)

- **Involve your child in preparing for school**

e.g. buying uniform, school bookbag, PE kit.

- **Encourage your child to be independent and to express their needs verbally**

e.g. dressing, tidying up toys and belongings, self-help skills (toilet, washing hands, blowing nose) feelings and emotions, resolving conflicts with other children.

- **Be honest with your child**

Sometimes parents think that by 'slipping away' they are helping their child to settle in, however, children need to be reassured as to their parents movements in order to feel confident and secure. Farewells should be made.

- **Allow plenty of time**

Punctuality in coming to and from school is essential in order for the child to feel settled and secure.

- **Be prepared for changes in your child**

The school day is a long day, and your child is likely to be feeling a mixture of emotions and tiredness. Take time to talk to them about the school day, and to reassure them.

- **Regular attendance enables your child to become used to the routines and faces at school**

- **Staff** (2017-18) –

**RW** Mrs Wareing (Fridays - Mrs Muja) & Mrs Majithia

**RS** Mrs Sanchez & Mrs Bux

**RSH** Miss Sharpe & Mrs Blazewicz

weekly cover support: Mr Allen, Ms Rush, Mrs Harnett & Miss Housego

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### **Books about Starting School**

Starting School – Janet & Allan Ahlberg

Spot Goes to School – Eric Hill

Lucy and Tom go to School – Shirley Hughes

Harry and the Dinosaurs go to School – Ian Whybrow & Adrian Reynolds

Billy and the Big New School – Catherine & Laurence Anholt

Dililah Darling is in the Classroom – Jeanne Willis & Rosie Reeve



### **Playdough Recipe**

8oz salt

1lb plain flour

8 teaspoons cream of tartar

1½ pints water – including approx. 2floz food colouring

4 tablespoons oil (sunflower is fine)



Mix the salt, flour and cream of tartar in a large saucepan.

Mix ½ pint water, 4 tablespoons of oil and mix well.

Slowly add remaining 1pt water stirring to make a smooth mixture.

Heat gently stirring all the time until the mixture comes away from the sides of the pan and there is no liquid left.

Turn out onto a wooden block.

Knead the dough as it cools.

Store in an airtight plastic bag or container.

If you have time to make more than 1 colour everyone has fun mixing the dough to make new colours.