

Welcome to Reception at Alderwood. Your child is now in Beech class.

This letter outlines key information for this year.



Drop off and pick up

We drop off and pick up from the same gate.

Drop off at 8:45: Please go to the door opposite the gate so the children can hang their coats and bags on their pegs.

Pick up at 15:15: Please come to the door inside the EYFS outdoor area. We will have your children seated on the carpet and will call them one by one so we can ensure every child leaves safely.

Friday learning: Forest school and PE

On Friday the children will have forest school/outdoor learning and PE.

Forest school : Your children will do forest school/outdoor learning in the morning. This will take place whatever the weather. This means they will need the appropriate clothing for this session. A separate letter will be sent about this.

PE : Please ensure PE kits are brought in to school. These can be left in school and taken home each half term.

Tapestry

We will use the online platform Tapestry to send you regular updates about your child's learning. This is in the form of a photo of them working or the work they have produced. A letter and meeting will be set up to look at this platform in more detail in a few weeks' time.

Curriculum

Each half term we will have a new topic to learn about. These will inform the activities the children take part in around the classroom. There will be full class sessions and small group work but the children will spend a lot of the day exploring the resources and learning through discovery and discussion with each other and the teachers.

Questions

If you need to discuss anything, please don't hesitate to come and speak to us. We are available at the end of the day if you have any questions or need any information. If you need a longer meeting, the office will be able to arrange this with me.

Home learning

Reading: You will receive two books per week. One will be focussed on phonics and will follow the scheme we use at school. These books will have been selected for your child based on their phonics learning in class so they will be different for each person.

You will also receive a book that the children chose by themselves. This is to encourage reading for pleasure and children's autonomy.

Phonics: Each week we will send home a sheet which outlines the phonics sounds we will be focusing on. These will be the sounds we are learning in class. We would recommend having a look through these sounds to familiarise yourself with them and then allowing the children to read them with you too.

Other learning: I will send other tasks for the children to do each half term. These will focus on art, DT and finding out about the world.