

**Welcome!**  
**Our Class Newsletter**  
**Class: Turtles & Starfish**  
**Date: Autumn term 2022**



On behalf of all members of the team a warm welcome to families joining Hob Moor Primary Academy this year and a welcome back to families returning to us after the summer break!  
 The Reception team this year;

**Mr Unwin** – Turtles Class Teacher  
**Miss Wilkins** – Starfish Class Teacher  
**Mrs Whiteley** – Teaching Assistant  
**Miss Razzino** – Teaching assistant  
**Mr Wybrow** – Teaching Assistant  
**Mrs Wilson** – HLTA

**Communication and Language**

This term we will concentrate on building up the children's confidence in sharing their ideas in planning time. They will work in key groups to develop their vocabulary around the areas of provision, resources and activities they can choose from. You can support your child at home by discussing the things they like to do at school and encouraging them to speak in full sentences. We will be introducing new vocabulary from our stories this half term, and will share these with you within our Busy Book sessions.



**Personal, Social and Emotional Development**

This term it is very important for the children to feel happy and confident in coming to school. We will be working hard to get to know the children and their interests and fascinations. As a class we will be concentrating on learning the classroom rules, expectations and routines. We would also like to invite the children to share their own experiences. To support this **we ask that you send a family photograph** (to our Google Classroom – information to follow) for the children to talk about. We would like to use these to create a class 'family tree' display.



**Physical Development**

Children in Early Years have access to outdoors in all weather, so please ensure that they have a coat or jacket with them every day - especially in the Autumn months when the weather can change lots within a day. The children will be using their bodies to climb, run, jump and use equipment such as bikes and climbing frames to learn how to negotiate space safely. We will also be encouraging children to try new snack foods and talk about healthy eating. Please be aware that children do not need to snacks from home as it is provided and available during the day.

**Literacy**

Children will begin to learn the letters of the alphabet and the sounds they make. We will learn how to blend words to begin to read and how to form letters correctly. To support your child at home we are introducing the RedTed reading challenge this half term. Class teachers will provide more information on how you can support your child in becoming a reader!



**Mathematics**

In maths this term we will be looking at matching, sorting and comparing sets of objects and shapes. We will also be learning about numbers 1 -5 in depth with a little help from the Numberblocks characters. Please support your child at home by singing numbers songs, counting objects and talking to them about numbers in the environment.



**Our Topics**

At Hob Moor we encourage the children to explore the themes that interest them, these range from characters in books to things they see on the TV and also things from the world around them. We supplement these themes with our whole school themes, which give children new experiences. This term, we will introduce be exploring 'All About Me' where we will look at families, where we live and what makes us great! We will also be exploring 'People Who Help Us' where we are hoping to invite in lots of visitors to discuss how they help us in their roles.



**Dates for your diary / important information**

**Thursdays** - Please return your child's library book and ensure their reading record is signed.  
**Friday** - Forest School sessions.  
**Friday** - Library books will be given out each week.  
**Busy Books** – A day each week will be confirmed and sent out to you shortly.

Please bring a coat every day.  
 Your child **will not** need a PE kit.



Any questions please see a member of the Reception Team.

**Many thanks for your support and cooperation**



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