



Reception Newsletter: Autumn 1 2025

We would like to offer you a warm welcome to Saltaire Primary School. We hope that your child will enjoy an exciting year in Reception. Starting school is a big event not only for your child but also for you as parents and carers. We hope that we have made it a positive experience where you have felt welcome and at ease. We put together some useful information to help you during this first term in the A-Z of Reception (in your information pack) - please keep this for reference. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to ask any member of the Reception team.

						
Mrs Autwick Early Phase Leader	Mrs Kent Hockney Blue Monday - Wednesday	Mrs LittleWood Hockney Blue Thursday-Friday	Mrs Willis Hockney White	Miss Brett Reception Unit	Mrs Wilson Reception Unit	Miss Sayers Reception Unit

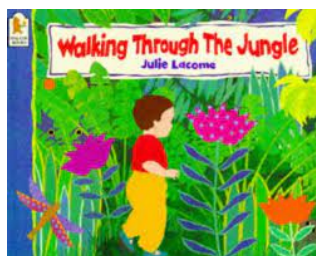
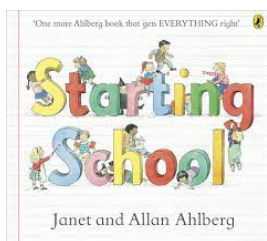
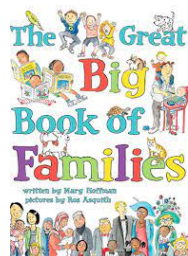
Key Reception Dates

Wednesday 3rd September Thursday 4th September	Phonics Workshop – 4:45 - 5.30pm Phonics Workshop – 9.15 - 10.00am and 4.30 - 5.15pm
Wednesday 10th September	Maths Workshops – 1.30 - 2.30pm and 4.30 - 5.30pm
Thursday 18th September	Individual Photos and siblings
Thursday 25th September	Nasal flu immunisations
Monday 13th October	Reception Art Gallery


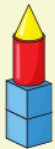




Learning

During the first few weeks at school, we will try to get to know your children really well and they will hopefully begin to feel settled and comfortable in school. During this time, the children will be talking about their interests, drawing self-portraits and learning all about our school environment. We will be helping the children get to know each other and form new friendships by playing small group games.

Here are some of the books we'll be looking at this term:



Maths Learning

Ideas to support this terms Maths learning		
<p>Match, sort and compare</p> <p>Give the children a range of objects. Can they match the objects that are the same? Can they talk about why they are the same and different?</p>	<p>Patterns</p> <p>Give the children lots of opportunities to copy and create their own patterns with a variety of objects.</p>	<p>1, 2, 3</p> <p>Give lots of opportunities to make 1,2 and 3. How can these amounts be represented? Can they spot them in different ways?</p>
 <p>Prompt children to build towers in the construction area. Encourage them to challenge each other to build towers that are the same. Do the towers match? How do you know? Do they look the same?</p>  <p>© White Rose Education</p>	 <p>Demonstrate simple action patterns for children to copy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> jump, clap, jump, clap, jump, clap hands up, hands down, hands up, hands down, hands up, hands down  <p>Say the pattern aloud and encourage children to join in.</p>	 <p>Take children on a number hunt.</p>  <p>Where can they find 1, 2 and 3? Do they count to find how many? Allow time to sort the different objects into different groups based on their quantity. Encourage children to create their own collections of 1, 2 and 3</p>

Phonics

We will start teaching phonics from the 15th September and learn a new sound each day. Phonics 'homework' will be sent at the end of the week so the children can practise the sounds they have learnt. Children do not have to send anything back to school for this.

Art Gallery - Monday 13th October

This will be an opportunity for you to view your child's artwork in the Salt Hall. Please book onto the event via the Eventbrite links below:

[Hockney Blue](#)
[Hockney White](#)

Bookbags

The children all need one blue book bag for school to carry information, reading books and pictures to and from school. Please make sure these are named and only have a maximum of one key ring attached.

Notices

Teddies - For the first 2 weeks the children are welcome to bring in a teddy to help them to settle into school. After that can we please ask that they do not bring any toys or teddies into school as they can often get lost or damaged.

Water bottles - Children can bring in a **named** water bottle every day which can be refilled in class if needed. This will be returned home each night to be washed. Drinking water and cups are also available all day in class.

Class Trays - The staff will have a tray in the mornings for the children to put any Tricky Words or Maths Challenges you need changing and any Show and Tell items they might have.

Reading Books - Once we have assessed the children and Parents have been to the Phonics Workshop a book will be sent home with the child on a Tuesday. **This needs to be brought back everyday so they can read it again during Practise Reading.** The children will need to put these books within their files into their allocated colour trays each morning. It is important for children to read their book/Tricky Words at least 5 times per week. If they do this they will receive a star in their reading log and we recognise their achievement in class with their

peers.

Spare Clothes - Please use the tote bag you received from us to send in spare clothes, including socks and underwear, for your child to keep on their peg, in case they should need to get changed. **Please make sure everything is named.**



50 Things Before You're Five - We're keen to hear about the fun you have been having with the 50 Things before you're Five activities. Please feel free to send in updates on Tapestry (further information to follow) or pictures/items for Show and Tell related to one of the activities. For more information on 50 Things Before You're Five visit

<https://bradford.50thingstodo.org/app/os#!50thingstodo/before-youre-five/activities>

All about me! #1 Get to know you - 50 Things Before You're 5

We will be spending this term getting to know each other and finding out about what makes us special and our families.

Mark making #7 Making your mark - 50 Things Before You're 5

We will be practising mark making in a variety of ways.

Walk around school #3 Where am I? - 50 Things Before You're 5

Reception will be walking around the school grounds to get to know their surroundings and then later in the term to spot the first signs of Autumn.

Meg and Mog #17 Hocus Pocus Potions - 50 Things Before You're 5

We will be reading Meg and Mog and creating our own spells through writing and in the outdoor area.

Smiling! #21 Giggles - 50 Things Before You're 5

The children will be doing lots of learning but also having lots of fun, we are hoping for lots of smiles and giggles along the way.

Community links

<https://www.getoutmorecic.co.uk/forestschool/>

Offers local forest school groups for young children

<https://sponge-tree.com/>

Offers local art and creativity classes for children and parents

Communication

Should you have any queries or suggestions, please speak to us at the end of the day once all the children have left. Alternatively feel free to email, or if urgent, please e-mail before 8.30am.

The following email address maybe useful:

Reception Teachers - reception@saltaireps.co.uk (please be aware this email isn't monitored during the school day, urgent emails should be sent to the office email)

Illness/Absences - absence@saltaireps.co.uk

General/Urgent enquiries - office@saltaireps.co.uk

We look forward to working with you over the year ahead.

The Reception Team