



# Reception Newsletter: Autumn 1 2023

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 have put together some useful information to help you during this first term in the A-Z of Reception - this was in your welcome pack but is attached again, please keep this for reference. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to ask any member of the Reception team.



Mrs Austwick



Mrs Kent



Mrs Littlewood



Mrs Smith



Miss Smith



Miss Brett



Mrs Embleton



Mrs Morgan

Hockey White is taught by our Assistant Headteacher for the Early Phase, Mrs Austwick with the support of Mrs Morgan.

Hockney Blue is taught by Mrs Kent Monday-Wednesday and by Mrs Littlewood Thursday-Friday. On Wednesday afternoons Miss Brett takes responsibility for leading the class.

This year we are fortunate to be supported by an experienced team of Learning Support Assistants including Mrs Smith, Mrs Embleton, Miss Smith, and our HLTA Mrs Morgan. All of our support assistants work across the unit as do the teachers.

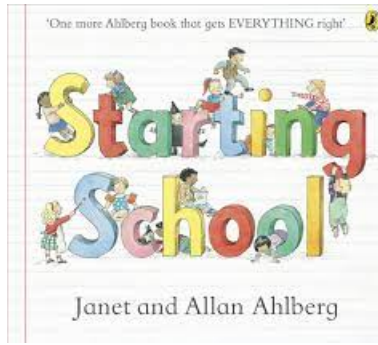
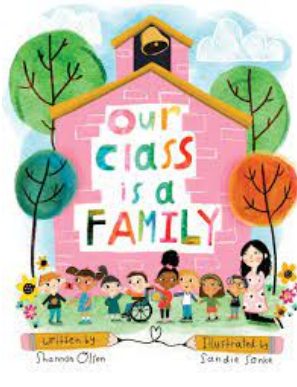
## Key Reception Dates

<b>14th September</b>	Phonics Workshops – 2:15-3:15 pm at school - 6:00-7:00 pm on zoom
<b>21st September</b>	Maths Workshops – 6:00-7:00pm
<b>20th September</b>	Individual Photos
<b>3rd October - 3.00pm</b>	50 Things Play Event
<b>18<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Art Gallery- Hockney White – 2:50-3:05 Hockney Blue – 3:05-3:20
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October</b> <b>Extra day – 19<sup>th</sup> Thursday</b>	Walk to the woods

## 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:



### **Art Gallery - 18th October 2023**

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 White](#)

[Hockney Blue](#)

### **Notices**

**Class Trays** - The staff will have a tray in the mornings for the children to put in their files with their Reading Books (on their allocated day), any Tricky Words or Maths Challenges you need changing and any Show and Tell 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 their allocated day. On your child's allocated book change day (indicated on the reading record) can we ask you to place the reading book in the zipped wallet in the class tray in the morning ready to be changed. It is important children 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 .

### **Communication**

Should you have any queries or suggestions, please speak to us at the start or end of the day or feel free to email.

The following email address maybe useful:

**Reception Teachers** - [reception@saltareps.co.uk](mailto:reception@saltareps.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@saltareps.co.uk](mailto:absence@saltareps.co.uk)

**General/Urgent enquiries** - [office@saltareps.co.uk](mailto:office@saltareps.co.uk)

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

The Reception Team