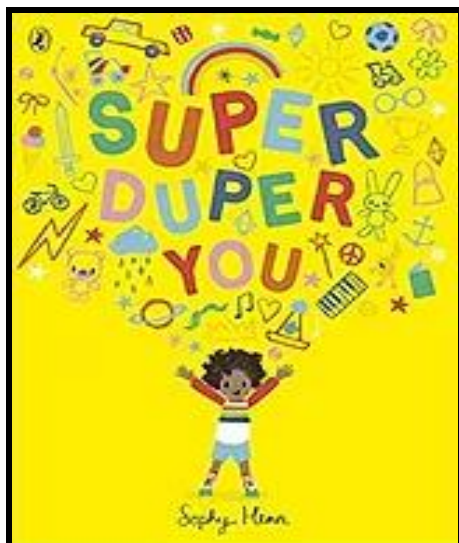


Reception Newsletter

Autumn 1

A huge welcome to all our Reception children at South Rise!



This term, we will be focussing on getting the children settled and introducing them to new routines. In Reception, we want them to become independent learners and therefore always encourage them to have a try; this may be to have a go at putting on their own jumper, washing their hands etc.

Our topic is based on 'Celebrating Us' and 'Traditional Tales'. We will be making healthy soup to take to Grandma's house linked to the story Little Red Riding Hood and thinking about who might help us pull up the enormous turnip.

To help us with the topic 'Celebrating Us', we would love you to send in a family photo so that we can display it in our classrooms.

Phonics and Reading

Once the children have settled in, we will start teaching phonics. We follow the governments 'Letters and Sounds' programme which advocates a 20minute daily phonics lesson. We use a variety of engaging and interactive activities to ensure the children have fun whilst they learn. Some useful websites to try at home are: www.phonicsplay.co.uk, Alphablocks, [Jolly Phonics Phase Two songs on YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JollyPhonics) and www.letters-and-sounds.com.

Your child will have received a free book bag today and next week we will be sending home learning journals with a book suitable to their reading level which you should share with them. Once you have shared this book, can you please make a comment in their home learning journal.

Tapestry

Due to us not being able to have conversations with you at the gate, the best way for us to communicate is via Tapestry. If you have not already logged on, please check your emails to see if you have received an email from Tapestry. Additionally, if you have not yet logged on we will re-send activation emails over the following week.

Notices

- Please bring in a bottle of water for your child. We cannot leave out jugs and cups of water therefore they need to bring their own water bottles.
- Please ensure **all uniform** including coats, packed lunch boxes and water bottles are clearly **labelled** with your child's name.

Full days

Next week, your child will be staying for full days. Below is a reminder of these times. Children will also finish earlier every Friday to provide planning time for teachers.

	RMB (Miss Barrett)	RRS (Miss Sanders)	RKP (Miss Purbrick)
Start/Finish time	8.40am-3.20pm	8.50am-3.30pm	9.00am-3.40pm
Friday finish time	1.00pm	1.10pm	1.20pm

Thank you for your support!

Kate Purbrick, Rosemary Sanders and Michelle Barrett