



Welcome to Bulmer Class!



Dearand Family,

We hope you have had a lovely time over the summer and we are sure you are now ready to start a new school year, so welcome to Bulmer Class!

We are looking forward to getting to know you and working together so that we have a very exciting and productive year.

Mrs Holdsworth, Mrs Capper and Mrs Thurstans

Snack Money

During our morning playtime, Mrs Ellis, our cook, sells healthy snacks and drinks to the children. There is a minimal cost for this. Your child is welcome to bring a small amount of money each day **in a named purse** so that they can purchase snack at this time if they wish. The children will also be offered free fruit before or after morning break too. Purses will be stored in a pink basket which will be on the unit containing the children's trays.

Transition from Reception to Year 1

For our new year 1 children our aim is to ensure that the children experience a smooth transition from the Foundation Stage to Key Stage One. The Year 1 curriculum builds upon and extends the experiences that children have had in Reception. Learning through play will continue to be an important part of the school day, and the children will gradually be eased into more formal learning as the year goes on so that they remain motivated, enthused and eager learners. Please don't hesitate to come and see us either before or after school if you have any questions or queries.

Reception Class children

The children who are joining us from nurseries or playgroups will continue to follow the Early Years' Foundation Stage (EYFS) Curriculum. Children in the EYFS learn by playing and exploring, being active, and through creative and critical thinking which takes place both indoors and outside.

Your child will be learning skills, acquiring new knowledge and demonstrating their understanding through **7 areas of learning and development.**

- Communication and language;
- Physical development
- Personal, social and emotional development
- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the world
- Expressive arts and design.

These 7 areas are used to plan your child's learning and activities.

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Reading in Bulmer Class

Once the term has got underway, your child will be given a reading book and a Home/School Record to bring home and read every week. They will need to keep their Record and book alongside a Sounds Book that they will also be given, in their book bags to bring to school every day. If you feel your child is ready to change his/her book, please put it and the Record in the basket which is on top of the children's tray unit. The children will also have lots of opportunities to read and enjoy books throughout the week at school and at home.

Star of the week...

Each Friday the school has a Star of the Week Assembly. One child from each class is nominated by their teacher or teaching assistants to receive this award which is presented by Mrs Stell, the Headteacher in this whole school assembly. They are presented with a certificate and a Star of the Week pencil and are able to bring home a Star of the Week trophy for the week. These trophies must be returned by the next Friday so that they can be awarded to the next recipient.



Phonics and Spellings

At Sheriff Hutton Primary School we follow the Letters and Sounds method of teaching children to read and write. Each day the children will spend a short amount of time following this programme. In order for you to support your child in this, they will soon be sent home a sounds book which will help the children to learn the different sounds (phonemes) and how those letters or groups of letters look (graphemes). Further advice and guidance will be sent out on this in due course. It would be really helpful if you could ensure that this book is kept in your child's book bag so that they can use it at school as well.

General Reminders...

- The children will be doing **PE** on Tuesdays and **Fridays**. Please ensure your child has their **named** PE kit in school and that all items are clearly labelled. We encourage children to practise getting dressed at home to help them get changed quickly in school!
- Any letters or reply slips, which need to be returned, can be put in your child's book bag. The children are encouraged to check them each morning and hand things in at register time. Dinner money needs to be labelled clearly inside an envelope and either given to the office or to a member of the Bulmer Class staff team.
- The children will need their own water bottle to keep in class which they can access throughout the day and they will change their water regularly. Please make sure your child's name is written clearly on their water bottle. These are kept in the tray on top of the children's tray cabinet.
- Please could you ensure that all school uniform & PE kit is clearly named throughout the year.

We hope this provides you with some useful information, however if you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to ask any of the Bulmer Class Staff Team.