Reception Class Newsletter
Autumn 1

In this newsletter you will find information about the various topics and activities your child will be studying or taking part in throughout Reception. Please encourage your child to talk to you about what they are learning in school, it will really help them to learn!

In Reception we strive to ensure the best learning experiences for all children and provide a broad and balanced curriculum.
We take into account the needs of all children within the class ensuring we set challenges that will support children in reaching their full potential.

In Reception our teacher is **Mrs Lindsay,** and our learning assistant is **Miss Ibrahim.**
We are all working very hard to ensure that your child receives the very best education they can at Glinow.

Please do not hesitate to ask me any questions regarding your child.

This term our topic will be 'All About Me'

This half term we will be learning all about growing, parts of the body, family and emotions.



Literacy

Here are the books we will be sharing across the rest of the half term:

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8
	Starting School	The Colour Monster		My Family and Other Families: Finding the power in differences	How to Grow a Friend	Owl Babies After the Storm	

Key Learning Vocabulary

Homes and Families: Mum, dad, grandma, grandad, brother, sister, house, bedroom, kitchen, lounge, and bathroom
Classroom and Routines: Teacher's names, children's names, classroom, draw, dough, construction, play, reading, hand coat, sit, play, wash hands, snack time, story, sing, indoor, outdoor and tidy
Feelings: Happy, excited, sad, upset, angry, cr5oss, lonely, calm, scared, afraid, eyes, nose, mouth, ears, red, orange, blue, green, yellow, black, brown, pink and purple.
Friend: share, help, friends, teachers, please and thank you
Autumn: Owl, hedgehog, fox, squirrel, mouse, woodland, trees, green, brown, orange and gold

Understanding the World

Homes in the past and homes now
Toy in the past and toys now
Friends and Family
Family Portraits
Seasonal changes – Summer to Autumn
Differences and Similarities
How do you travel to school? What do you see on the way to school?
Mapping the school journey

Reading

Reading is such an important part of learning that we strongly encourage sharing books at home. Reading at home for 5 minutes a day can make a BIG difference.

Within school we read daily, and children have continuous access to books and reading materials.

In Reception we have phonics lessons every day. Once children have settled into their phonics lessons, they will be given books to take home. In reception we will read in groups three times a week. Our reception children will take their reading book home, and we ask parents to read with them four times a week and sign their reading diary.

Maths

In Reception we will be looking at the following in Maths:

Subitising within 3
Focus on counting skills
Explore how all numbers are made of 1s
Focus on composition of 3 and 4
Subitise objects and sounds
Comparison of sets – 'just by looking'
Use the language of comparison: more than and fewer than
Match sort and compare
Talk about measure and patterns

Physical Development

PE this term will be led by the class teacher, with a focus on learning how to use the outdoor equipment safely and appropriately. Activities will include using bikes and balance bikes, as well as exploring climbing frames and obstacle courses. The children will be focusing on Agility, Balance and Coordination.

Homework

Our Reception homework is designed to support children in developing the key skills they will need as they begin their Reception journey. Activities will focus on practising and building independence, developing listening and attention skills, and strengthening children's language, communication and understanding.

The activities are designed to be simple and enjoyable, giving children opportunities to practise these important skills at home through everyday experiences and play.

Thank you for your continued support!

Useful Websites

Our school website is: www.gilnow.bolton.sch.uk
where you can find useful information about your child's class and any activities they will be taking part in!

General

www.bbc.co.uk/schools
www.purplemash.com
www.phonicsplay.co.uk
www.teachyourmonstertoread.co.uk
www.oxfordowl.co.uk
www.numbots.co.uk
www.topmarks.co.uk

REMINDERS

- Please could you ensure all your children's clothing, including shoes, are labelled with their name
- Please encourage your child to talk to you about what they are learning in school, it will really help them to learn!

Coats – Please ensure that your child brings their coat every day. Encourage your child to develop their self-help skills, to put on and take off their coat without your help.

Labels – Please ensure that **all clothes** have **names** inside.

Bring daily - Book bag containing their reading book and reading record. These will be handed out during week 4 of Reception.