

Welcome to The Foundation Stage



September 2025



Our Timetable ...

- This half term, the children are spending their time settling in to school life, building relationships and making new friends.
- After the initial settling in period spent with their own classmates and class teachers, the children will have the opportunity to mix with other classes throughout the day in the octagon and the garden.
- They are already mixing outside.

Uniform



- The children all look very smart in their uniforms, and they are proud to be part of The John Hampden School community.
- Please ensure that EVERYTHING has your child's name in – including their **lunchbox** (on the outside).
- Please show them where it is named so they can check it.
- Please send in a coat EVERY DAY.
- Sensible shoes and no jewellery.
- P.E. Days are every **Thursday** with Premier Sports
- PE sessions; the children will be changing for PE, so regular practise at home will help them to develop their confidence and ensure success.
- The children are active for most of the day.



Autumn Half Term

- Learning Adventure - Magical Me!
- Learning about The John Hampden Values and Expectations through stories and activities
- Harvest Celebration – Wednesday 24th September at 9.30am (details to follow) Please drop your children off as usual and make your way to school via the car park. Mrs Parkinson will take the opportunity to hold a short session explaining how we teach Phonics before the children come to perform Harvest Songs and poems.
- Weekly 'What we are learning' Communication sheets to inform you about our learning for the week
- Government Baseline Assessment

Expectations...

The John Hampden Behaviour Expectations

- Do be kind and helpful
- Do work hard
- Do listen
- Do be honest
- Do be polite
- Do be gentle
- Do look after property



School Values

Recognising Achievements

- 'Over and Above' recognition assembly
- 'Loving To Learn' board,
- Recognition Board
- Stickers
- 'WOW' moments: Magic Moments



Independence

Please continue to encourage your children to independently practise;

- going to the toilet and wiping their bottom independently
- getting dressed and undressed; jumpers & cardigans, shirt and coat buttons & zips, shoes and socks.
- recognising their own name and initial sound.
- pouring water and drinking from an open top
- using a knife and fork for hot school dinners.

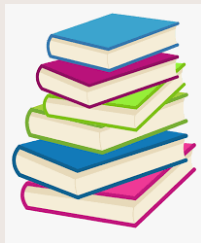
Other matters...

- Please ensure that your child brings in their **book bag** every day.
- **Home school diary** – useful communication. Please sign every week. Please sign when your child has read their book with you. Please read Newsletter
- **Outside equipment and resources** – Please do not let your children play on the equipment or with resources set up at the start or end of the day.
- **Going home** – permission.
- **Wish List** – We may sometimes ask for donations of items that you may have at home. e.g. left-over Christmas cards/wrapping paper, tissues.

Other matters...

- Allergens
- Nut free school
- First Aiders
- Head bumps
- Water available throughout the day – no need for water bottles





Books



The children will be provided with wordless reading books. When they are ready they will have a book with words.

Further information will also be sent home.

These books are initially wordless to help teach all children the necessary pre reading skills.



Library Book Club



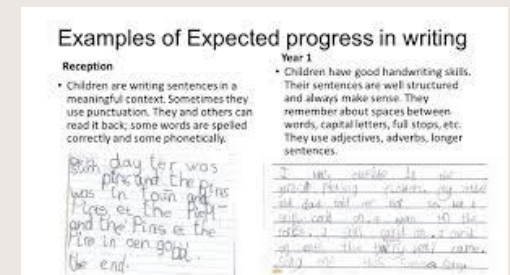
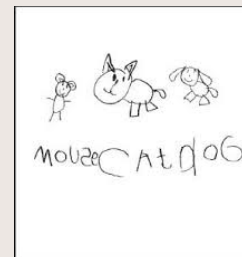
- Each week the children will be given the opportunity to select a book during Library Club.
- They will be able to take this book home on a Friday to share with you to nurture their love of reading.
- The following Friday their 'Library Book Club' book will need to be returned, so that they can replace it with another book of interest.



Writing



- Drawing
- Pre-writing patterns
- Writing names
- Encouraging mark making for a purpose



Workshops

- Throughout the year we will invite you into school or provide online information or links for Phonics, Maths and Writing Workshops. Details will follow.
- Partnership with Parents



And Finally...

- If you have any worries or concerns, please come in and see us and we will always do our best to help you.
- We look forward to working with you and your child throughout the school year.

Miss Burns and Mrs Fox 😊