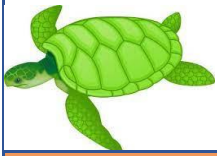




Welcome to Autumn Term 2023



Dear Parents/Carers, we are so looking forward to getting to know all the children as they begin their time at Buxton Primary School. It was a real pleasure to meet many of you during the home visits. Don't hesitate to speak to a member of our team or email the school office with any questions or concerns.

This term's learning

Our Learning

We will be focussing on settling the children in this term, developing their independence and introducing them to the routine of daily phonics and maths sessions. The Sea Turtle adults will support the children as they play and develop their own interests, encouraging a real love of learning.

Reception Baseline Assessment (RBA)

The RBA is a short, interactive, and practical assessment of your child's early literacy, communication, language and mathematics skills when they begin school, using materials that most children of Reception age will be familiar with. It became statutory for all schools from September 2021. The children will take part in this short assessment with one of the teachers. Please read the RBA information booklet and feel free to speak to us with any questions.

Things to remember ...

**PE kits-** Children to come to school in PE kits every Wednesday.  
**Bookbags-**Please bring to school every day and make sure to check every evening after school. Other bags are not needed.  
**Water bottles-** Please ensure these are named and not too large or fragile.  
**Forest school-** Information to follow about when this will take place.  
**Spare clothes-** In a named carrier bag containing: spare pants, socks and school appropriate skirt/trousers and t-shirt.  
  
At home time please collect your child from the small gate by the stage area. Please ensure you stand close by so we can hand children over individually, this helps us to get to know you all and keeps our children safe.

Homework

Very soon we set up a Tapestry (online learning journal) account for the children. We will then use this to inform you of our learning focus each week.  
  
Reading books will be sent home in the coming weeks. Please continue to enjoy stories at home with your child, daily if possible.

The Sea Turtle team

Mrs Miller- Class teacher (Mon, Tues, Wed am)    Mrs Poynton- Class teacher (Wed pm, Thurs, Fri)  
Mrs Williams- Teaching assistant (Mon-Wed)    Mrs Burkey- Teaching assistant (Mon-Fri)  
Miss Cubitt- Teaching assistant (Mon-Fri)

Please pop and see us in the morning on drop off or pick up in the afternoon if you have a short message or piece of information to pass on. Should you wish to speak with us in more detail, please contact the office and we will arrange a meeting so you can have our undivided attention.

Thank you, Mrs Miller and Mrs Poynton.