



Cobs Welcome Letter



Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all well and looking forward to your child(ren) starting school this term. It is so lovely to welcome lots of you back and welcome those of you starting. Here is some information that will help you prepare for this term. As things are often changing at the moment, please be prepared that some of this information may change in the future, but we will let you know if this is the case.

This term we will be focusing on belonging from our school phrase "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams" – Eleanor Roosevelt. We will be looking closely at what this means. There are some beautiful stories about belonging linked to space so we will have lots of lovely learning experiences related to these. We will think about identities and where we live in the world and beyond! This will give us opportunities to explore values of tolerance and respect and help children become ethical, informed citizens.

We will practise our counting skills and move onto using number to solve simple problems. We will learn lots of letters and sounds and use these to help our reading and writing develop. All these activities will help children become ambitious, capable learners.

Physical Development sessions will be on a Tuesday. These will start on **Tuesday 22nd September**. Please can children come to school wearing a white t-shirt, jumper/jacket, black shorts/joggers/leggings and a pair of trainers. Children will stay in these clothes for their entire morning/day in school and will not be changing out of these clothes in accordance with current government guidelines.

We hope to explore the outdoors every Wednesday morning with Reception and Nursery. This will start on **Wednesday 23rd September**. Please can your child(ren) come to school wearing comfortable old clothes that you don't mind getting scruffy, old trainers or wellies, a full set of waterproofs and a warm coat. Please also remember hats and gloves as the weeks get colder. Outdoor learning helps nurture the skills that children need to become enterprising, creative contributors.

Further to this on a Monday afternoon, Reception will be learning outdoors so will need to come in wearing comfortable old clothes that you don't mind getting scruffy, old trainers or wellies, a full set of waterproofs and a warm coat. Please also remember hats and gloves as the weeks get colder. This will start on **Monday 21st September**.

Please send your child into school with a full set of spare clothes every day in case they are in need of changing. Please label all clothing and bags, bottles etc. so your child takes the right things home with them at the end of the morning/day.

We will be starting a class library on **Thursday 24th September**. We will not be able to use book bags at the moment so there is no need to send these in – just the book please. If you have already sent your child's book bag in, we are happy to keep these in school until we can use these again or return it to you if you prefer. Your child will then bring a story book

home every Thursday with some initial tips on how to support them when sharing stories together.

Some of the best things you can be doing at home is chatting with your child about their day/ interests/ what they are doing and taking opportunities to share stories together. Anything that you do together at home we would love to see so we can talk about it and share it in school. Please Tweet us @Glyncollen_RecN and follow this page to see what we have been up to in school.

Some reminders:

- Nursery and Reception are to be dropped off in the morning at the Reception classroom. Nursery will be picked up at the end of the morning from the Nursery classroom. Reception will be picked up at the end of the day from the Reception classroom. Please respect the one-way system and social distancing.
- Children will need to come with a water bottle and healthy snack each day (no nuts please as we are a nut-free school). This will help children become healthy, confident individuals.
- If you need to speak to a member of staff, please make a phone appointment via the school office to arrange this.

We look forward to getting to know all the children better and a lovely term ahead :)!

Mrs Jones, Miss Jones, Mrs Bromham and Miss Williams.