

Loddington C of E Primary School

2025-26

Autumn Newsletter 1

Reception and Year One



Welcome back Year 1 and a big Hello to our Reception children to Phoenix Class.

I hope you all had a wonderful summer and are super excited to start a new, fun year at Loddington! I am extremely excited to start our learning journey together.

Curriculum:

Our first topic is called 'Our SUPERselves'. Throughout this topic, we will look at all the things that makes us special and unique as we get to know our new class friends. We will also be learning the class rules and how important it is to be a kind friend whilst getting used to our class routines. Our history unit this term will be learning about Florence Nightingale and how the changes she brought about are still important in nursing and hospitals today. Alongside this work we will explore different occupations of 'people who help us.'

Our Key texts for this first half term will be 'Meg and Mog', 'Room on a Broom' and 'Funny Bones'.

PE Day:

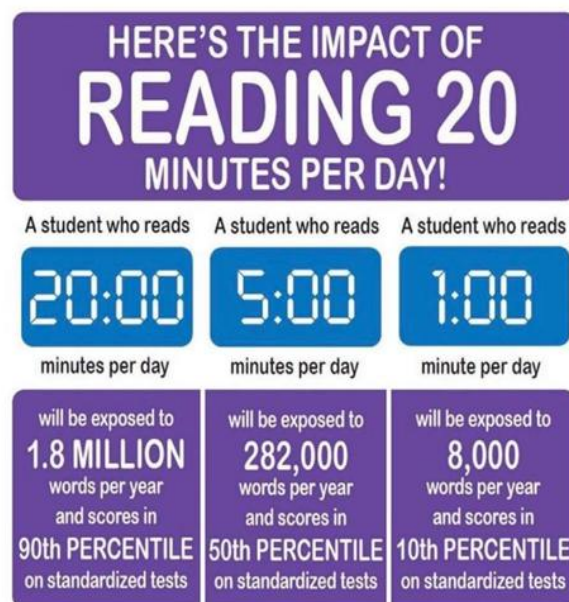
Our PE day this year will be **Wednesday**. Please can you ensure that your child comes to school wearing their P.E kit on this day. PE kits should include a white or red t-shirt, navy or black shorts, trainers, navy or black jogging bottoms (joggers -only in cold weather).

Reading:

Please read at home as often as you can, and record this in your reading diary, it is really important! Reading books need to be brought into school daily. These will be changed every Friday in line with our Read, Write Inc lessons. Reception children will bring home books with no words to begin with until they are confident with the first phase of sounds and begin to blend. This will be different for every child. Every Friday the children will bring home 3 books - Their phonics Read Write Inc book that they

have looked at in school that week, the corresponding book bag book and a book for pleasure from the library. Please keep these safe in your child's reading pack.

The importance of reading daily >



Phonic and reading workshops:

This term, you will have the opportunity to attend a phonic and reading workshop on **Friday 11th September** to aid your child's reading at home. The workshop will support and discuss how Read, Write, Inc is taught and how you can continue to support this at home. With the phonic screening check being a pivotal part of year 1, there will be an opportunity to discuss the expectations and how this is undertaken.

'Book and Biscuit' session:

With reading being such a big focus, we would love to welcome R/1s parents into school for our weekly 'book and biscuit' sessions. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to share a book with your child in their learning environment and a wonderful way to start the day! These are run every Friday morning starting from **Friday 11th September** from 8.40am and will finish promptly at 8:55am so that we can begin our day of learning. We understand that not every parent can make these sessions - please don't worry if you can't make it, your child will enjoy a biscuit and a story with a key member of staff.

Homework:

In R/1 our main expectation of homework is reading and phonics. Phonics homework will be sent home weekly on a Friday. This is an opportunity for children to share the

sounds/tricky words with you that they have learnt at school and to practise them using the same resources that we do in school.

Online Communication Platform

We are currently reviewing the online communication platform which we will use to engage with you by sharing your children's work and fabulous WOW moments throughout the week. We will share further details about what we will be using during the first 2 weeks of school.

Forest school:

We love to make use of our wonderful forest school nearby! Please note, we will attend forest school every fortnight on a Friday morning. This will start on Friday 18th September.

People who help us:

As our topic will look at 'people who help us' within the community, I would love to involve the children's family experiences outside of school. If you are in a role which supports the local community and would like to come in and discuss with the class your experiences or even send in anything to discuss in school, I would love to hear from you.

😊 Parent engagement is always welcomed.

Visitors and visits we have planned for this academic year:

Below is a very initial overview of some of the other exciting opportunities I am hoping to plan for our class this year. These will be confirmed as soon as possible.

October 2026 - visits from people who help us within the community.

February 2027 - parents/ grandparents/ carers/ members of the community to invited to come in to share their experiences of and toys from the past.

April 2027 - Visit to Wicksteed park to find out about Charles Wicksteed.

June 2027 - Visit to Hammerton Zoo, linked with Science.

If you have any questions or wish to contact me about anything, please do not hesitate to contact me on e.goodwin@loddington.pdet.org.uk

Dates for the diary:

R/1s Book and Biscuit - **Every Friday morning starting from Friday 11th September 8:40-8:55am**

Phonics/ reading Workshop - **Friday 11th September 9:00-9:30** following Book and Biscuit.

First Forest school Session- **Friday 18th September**

Autumn Half Term - Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October.

Teacher Training Day Monday 2nd November. Children to return to school on Tuesday 3rd November.