

Emerald Class Newsletter

September 2025

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a lovely summer break.

Welcome to our new child in nursery.

We continue to follow the Hygge in the Early Years curriculum with themes linked to the natural environment. A list of this term's themes is at the end of this newsletter. We also have pre-reading sessions which include listening and identifying sounds and exploring rhyme, rhythm and alliteration and daily phonics lessons for reception children. Maths is taught through play and maths games linked to our themes in the mornings. In the afternoons we use Hamilton Maths Scheme which consists of short lessons and games. Story time and singing continue to take place just before lunch and at the end of the day.

Children's 'work' books

We will continue to put a selection of the children's work, photographs of them working and comments in a book. The children love looking back at the things they had done over the year. You are welcome to come in and look your child's book before or after school and during parents' consultations. We will continue to copy the pages of the books to the profile section of Class Dojo.

Teeth brushing

We will continue with teeth brushing this year.

PE

PE lessons will be on Wednesday afternoons this term, so could all children who are in school on Wednesday afternoons, have a NAMED PE kit in school. The PE kit should consist of: a white tee-shirt, blue or black shorts and trainers. It is also a good idea to have black jogging bottoms and a sweat shirt or hooded top for colder weather.

Library Books

The children will be given the opportunity to take home and change a school library book on a Friday.

Water Bottles

Please make sure your child has their NAMED water bottle in school every day. The water bottles should contain plain water. However, if your child will only drink squash we suggest that you try to gradually dilute it so that, hopefully, they will eventually be drinking water. Please talk to us if there is a problem with this.

Clothing

Please can you ensure that all of your child's uniform is clearly named. It is very difficult for us to ensure children are reunited with their belongings if they are unnamed.

SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. If you have any cause for concern, however small, please do not hesitate to speak to the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) or the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL). You may also refer any concerns to the Integrated Front Door Team on 0300 300 8585 (Mon-Thurs 0845-1720hrs and Fri 0845-1620hrs). The out of hours number is 0300 300 8123. Email : IFD@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk
As part of our Safeguarding Policy, mobile phones **MUST NOT** be used on school premises. This is to protect you as much as it is to protect the children.

Please visit our school website www.ridgmont-lower.org.uk where you will find links to a wide range of support and advice. Head to PARENTSàUSEFUL LINKS AND INFORMATION.

SAFEGUARDING CONTACT INFORMATION

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Class Teacher

Week 1	Settling in
Week 2 &3	Berries
Week 4	Streams
Week 5	Deciduous trees
Week 6	Owls and birds of prey
Week 7	Fungi
Week 8	Moon and stars
Week 9	Fire
Week 10	Pumpkins/Diwali
Week 11	Hedgehogs and foxes
Week 12	Spiders
Week 13, 14 & 15	Christmas