

BOLTONS

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Dear Parents,

The children's first term at school is such a special and exciting one. To complement this new chapter in their lives and to promote their personal, social and emotional development, we will be reading lots of stories about starting school, new experiences, family and friends, learning class rules and routines, sharing stories about ourselves, learning about our feelings and learning how to keep ourselves safe and healthy. We will also focus on listening to and following instructions. We aim for children's listening skills, length that they can concentrate for and the ability to recall events or stories to improve over this term through these activities. We will support and model at every opportunity. We will also follow children's interest at every possible moment. We understand that all children start school at different starting points and we will ensure that we build on these foundations.

Please take a moment to have a look at our class page on the school website as you will find lots of useful information there, including information about Twinkl Phonics, which is the phonics scheme we use, as well as our yearly long-term plan and the relevant terms overview.

<https://boltons.cumbria.sch.uk/classes/reception-year-one/>.

During the first few weeks the children will take part in a statutory baseline assessment. This is done on a one-to-one basis in a fun and exciting way and it enables me to get to know the children and find out more about their individual interests and starting points. Click on the following link to find out more information about the baseline.

[2023 Information for parents: reception baseline assessment \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/101444/2023-Information-for-parents-reception-baseline-assessment.pdf)

PE

PE will be on a Thursday, the children should bring their PE kits in every Monday and they can take them home on Thursday after their PE lesson. Please send your child with full PE kit (pair of trainers, as well as pumps, a white t-shirt, black shorts and a pair of tracksuit bottoms and a tracksuit top). Jewellery must not be worn during PE lessons, so please make sure it is removed before your child comes to school.

Tapestry

I have sent out links to enable you to log onto your child's Tapestry account. If you have not received it or you are having any problems then please let me know. Please feel free to upload any learning or progress that your child makes at home. Tapestry is also a way to communicate with myself and send any personal memos regarding your child, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to pop a message on Tapestry.

If you have any questions about the curriculum or any general queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,
Tracy Smith