



"Growing together at the heart of God's community"



Glazebury C.E. Primary school

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All About Reception – Welcome to the New School Year!

Dear Parents,

A very warm welcome to **Reception** at Glazebury Primary School! We are so excited to have your little ones join us as they embark on this wonderful journey of learning and growth. It's going to be a year full of exploration, creativity, and fun!

Let us introduce ourselves:

Class Teacher: Mrs. Carroll

Mrs. Carroll has been part of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) since 2003 and has been teaching since 2008. She is also our **SEND CO** (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Coordinator), with over 6 years of experience supporting children with diverse learning needs. Mrs. Carroll has a passion for nurturing all children and is looking forward to getting to know each of the children in Reception, watching them flourish and grow throughout the year.

Teaching Assistant: Mrs. Jones

Mrs. Jones has been at Glazebury longer than she'd like to admit (it's a joke – but not really!). She has three children of her own and is also a proud dog owner who enjoys long walks with them. Mrs. Jones is an essential part of the Reception team and holds the important role of Paediatric First Aider in Reception. She's always there with a helping hand and a big smile for all the children.

What We'll Be Learning This Year

In Reception, we follow the **Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Curriculum**, which is designed to help children develop in the following areas:

- **Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED)**
- **Communication and Language (CL)**
- **Physical Development (PD)**
- **Literacy (L)**
- **Mathematics (M)**
- **Understanding the World (UW)**
- **Expressive Arts and Design (EAD)**

As well as this, we incorporate extra exclusively taught subjects to enhance the children's learning and development:

- **PE:** Our physical education lessons will take place on **Thursday afternoons**. Please make sure your child has a full PE kit in school.

- **PHSE:** Personal, Social, and Health Education will be a key part of our teaching to help develop important life skills.
- **Music:** We will explore different sounds, rhythms, and instruments.
- **RE (Religious Education):** We will learn about different cultures and beliefs.
- **Picture News:** An exciting weekly topic where we discuss current events and world issues, helping children to understand and engage with the world around them.

Our Focus This Half-Term

This half-term, our Literacy Tree Text will be the story of 'Anansi the Spider', a wonderful African folk tale. Through this, the children will develop their storytelling and literacy skills, as well as explore themes of problem-solving and cleverness.

We will also be exploring the topics of 'Starting School', 'Autumn', and 'Harvest'. These subjects will give the children an exciting and seasonal way to learn about the world around them and begin to understand key concepts like change, nature, and celebrations. To celebrate Harvest the children will attend our Harvest service at church.

Daily Routines

- **Phonics:** Every morning at **9:30**, we will be working on phonics, helping children develop their reading and writing skills through engaging and fun activities.
- **Maths:** We will have **daily maths lessons** to build a strong foundation in number recognition, counting, shapes, and simple addition and subtraction.
- **English:** We teach English exclusively three times a week, focusing on developing the children's reading, writing, and comprehension skills. However, we cover these skills across the week on multiple occasions.
- **Reading:** Once the children have learnt their phase 2 sounds, the children will engage in three guided reading sessions a week. This is to support our Little Wandle phonics scheme.

We are incredibly excited to begin this school year with your children. They are going to grow so much, and we can't wait to watch their confidence, and skills develop across all areas of the EYFS curriculum.

If you ever have any questions or would like to know more about what your child is learning, don't hesitate to get in touch with us. We're here to work together to give your child the best possible start to their school life.

We're looking forward to a fantastic year ahead!

Warm regards,

Mrs. Carroll & Mrs. Jones

Reception Team