



Welcome to the Autumn Term **Reception Class Newsletter**. We are very pleased with how quickly all the children are settling in and would like to thank you for your support and patience while we are using the main entrance door. We have moved the children between the classes and tried different combinations of children considering friendship groups, their needs and who they work well with. We have created two very well balanced and lovely classes. **Your child is in Robin Class with Mrs Lewis.**

Water Bottles

Please remember to send your child with water only in their bottle each day. We will send them home each day for you to clean and refill.

Special requests

- Please make sure names are in all items of uniform.
- You do not need to send a snack as your child will receive a free piece of fruit each day.
- Milk will be provided for all children until they turn 5. When they do you have the option to pay for it.
- Please return the admissions forms as soon as possible if you have not already done so.
- PE lessons will take place every Friday. Children should come to school in their PE kit and can stay in it all day.

Our outdoor area

Our outdoor learning area has been very popular with all of the children this week in the sunshine. It provides many outdoor learning opportunities that we will use throughout the year.



Reading...

All children will receive a reading book and diary next week. Children are encouraged to read at home every day with adult support. It is very beneficial for children to reread the same book to develop fluency and confidence. Books will be changed every Friday. Please write in your child's reading diary every time they read.

Meet our class pets!



Gary and Brian, our Giant African Land Snails. The children have already enjoyed watching and handling them!

Thank you for your support. If you have any questions then please don't hesitate to ask! Mrs Lewis, Miss Lounds, Mrs Gallagher, Miss Cox and Mrs Clark.

Meet the Reception team...

At Birklands, there are two reception classes, Robin Class is taught by Mrs Lewis and Puffin Class is taught by Miss Lounds. Children have the opportunity to free flow between both classes at points throughout the day.

We have two teaching assistants, Miss Cox and Mrs Gallagher, who support across both classes and Mrs Clark who works as a carer within our team.



Mrs Lewis



Miss Lounds



Mrs Gallagher



Miss Cox



Mrs Clark