



Reception

NEWSLETTER



@OPA_ParkHill

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Off we go!

On behalf of everyone at Outwood Primary Academy Park Hill we hope you feel your child has settled into their new class well and please don't hesitate to speak to any of the adults at any time about your child's progress. We have a long year ahead of us but we've set off with a flying start!



Safeguarding

Please can we remind parents at the end of the day when collecting your child we should be maintaining social distancing even when outside the gate. As it is a narrow exit please be patient and where masks where possible.

Uniform

Please ensure that your child's name is in all of their uniform, and as we enter the cold weather it would be helpful if it was also on hats, gloves and scarves as these can easily be misplaced.



Wellington Boots

We go outside in all weathers, so don't forget to bring in a pair of named wellington boots!

Twitter

We post many updates, photos and messages regularly using these twitter accounts. Don't miss anything by signing up and following:

@OPAPH_R_A (Miss Sunderland)

@OPAPH_R_B (Mrs Wells and Miss Shotton)

We need to know your twitter name before we can accept your request.

Harvest Festival



Usually in our first half term we would invite you in for our harvest festival assembly, but since this is not possible this year we are going to aim to go digital! Each class will post a video on our website of the children singing some traditional harvest songs on the w/c 19.10.20 don't miss it!

Parental Engagement.

Reading and writing are at the core of all we do and at OPAPH we are here to help drive this.

Read Write Inc

Here at Outwood Academy Park Hill we use a scheme called Read Write Inc to help teach our children to read and write. This is a structured approach to teaching children to read and write and when we can we will invite you in to learn more! Introduction videos can be found on youtube: Read Write Inc: Phonics: An overview by Ruth Miskin. This involves teaching your child a picture and a sound dd-dinosaur.

We then sound out words phonetically such as c-a-t to help spelling. You can help out by asking your child at anytime what these letters are. Similar packs that we use in school are available for parents on amazon but there is no expectation for these to be purchased. We also practice handwriting so when writing in our books we lead all our letters in with a "whoosh".

a b c d e f g Why not ask us to be the teacher and teach you?

Stories

A huge part of what we do revolves around stories and promoting a love for reading, many of our weekly activities will be linked around a key story we are learning about. We hope you support us in our mission to promote a love for reading and we encourage you to read to your child as often as possible.

Library

Our school library service will shortly recommence to allow children the opportunity to enjoy books at home. We will hand these out on Mondays and take them back in on Fridays to quarantine them before redistribution. Please ensure these books are looked after and you are sharing our core values that books are precious items.

Thank you for your continued support