

Colorado Class 2021-2022



Hello. We are very excited to welcome you all to Colorado Class to start your journey through school. Miss Lodge and Mrs Hutchinson have been busy getting our indoor and outdoor learning environments just right, so we can have lots of fun playing and learning together. Mrs Jones, Mrs Palmer, and Miss Goodfellow will also be in class to help us with our learning. Miss Milward will be your teacher every Wednesday afternoon.



Hi, I am Mrs Hutchinson. I have been a teacher for 16 years and I am excited to be teaching Reception at Sharlston Community School.

I am Miss Lodge. Most of you know me very well from the time that we shared together in Nursery.



Meet the Teacher

Meet the Teacher is an opportunity to come into school and meet the staff working with your child. You will be able to ask any questions and join in with your child learning through play.

It will take place on
Thursday 30th September at 2pm

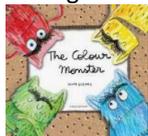


Our key question for our topic this half term is 'Is everybody's home the same?'

In Reception we learn through play. The curriculum contains 7 areas of learning. These are organised into prime and specific areas. The prime areas of learning underpin everything that we do!

Prime Areas:

Personal, Social and Emotional Development: We are learning to share, take turns and identify and express our feelings and emotions, and consider the feelings of others. We have learnt that colours can represent emotions through our book *The Colour Monster*.

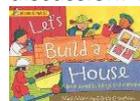


Communication and Language: We will be learning and developing listening skills, and speaking using new vocabulary. We will talk about stories that we have listened to.

Physical Development: We will develop our gross motor skills through moving in different ways e.g. hopping, jumping and balancing. We will develop our fine motor skills using tools and mark making equipment.

Specific Areas:

Reading: Our key texts are *The Three Little Pigs* and *Let's Build a House*. We will learn about the characters and recall the events of the story, using new vocabulary in discussion. We will take part in daily phonics sessions.



Writing: We will learn to hold mark making tools correctly and use them to label different types of homes and the key features of a house.

Maths: We will count amounts of objects to 10, and compare different amounts, compare mass, length and capacity, and copy and continue repeated patterns. KIRF: Say the number names in order to 20.

Understanding the World: We will walk around the local area and identify different types of houses. We will learn about materials and suggest the most suitable materials to use to build a house. In the construction areas we will design and build different types of home. We will draw maps of the local area and use Google Earth to find our school.

Expressive Arts and Design: We will develop our drawing and painting skills, learning how to create vertical, horizontal and curved lines to create art work of our houses and our families.

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Colorado Class has been organised into two groups for register times and PE. The groups are named 'Stars' and 'Rainbows.' Each group has equal amounts of time with each class teacher and other than register time and short carpet times, the children mix throughout the day. Your child will be able to tell you if they are a Star or a Rainbow.



Our PE days are on **Wednesday** for 'Stars' and **Thursday** for 'Rainbows'. Children will need to come to school in their PE kits on that day. This term our PE sessions will be indoor and we will learn gymnastics skills. In addition to PE the children develop their gross motor skills when playing in our outdoor learning environment daily.

Homework

We expect that children read at least 5 times a week at home. Any book that children share with you at home can be added to their reading record, including comics and magazines.

We will send home phonics and tricky words sheets in a little booklet that we expect you to practise regularly.



Outdoor Play

We endeavour to play out in all weathers. As the weather changes please ensure that your child comes to school with a warm, dry coat. In the winter they will also need a hat, scarf and gloves.

Wellington boots can be brought to school and stored safely until your child needs them. Please ensure that they are clearly labelled with your child's name. We do like to jump in puddles!



In order to stay hydrated, all children need to have a named water bottle in school.

These need to be filled up at home with fresh water each day and should not contain juice.



Tapestry

We will write to you shortly to provide you with more details about Tapestry; the online learning journal that we use to make observations of your child's development. We will be able to share weekly photographs and videos of your child's learning with you when you sign up. You will also be able to securely share with us anything that your child has achieved at home. This will then be included in their learning journal. We are looking forward to bringing you further information on how you can sign up. We can't wait to share our learning with you.

Reception Baseline Assessment

The Reception Baseline Assessment provides a new way of measuring the progress that pupils make in primary schools. It became statutory this year. Your child will take part in a short, interactive assessment that is fun with their class teacher, which will identify their starting points in the areas of Maths, Literacy and Communication and Language. This will take place within six weeks of your child starting school.

We are very much looking forward to working with you and your wonderful child throughout the year.

Thank you for your continued support,
The Reception Team.