



Reception Autumn Newsletter 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are very excited to welcome your child to Reception year at Ramridge! If you have any questions, concerns or worries please do not hesitate to contact us.

Don't forget, the school day starts at 8:45 a.m. and ends at 3:20 p.m. Please be prompt, as it can upset your child if they are picked up late or if somebody else is collecting your child. Please be aware that the person collecting your child has to be over 16 years of age.

Staffing in Reception

Miss Hopkins (Buttercup Class/ Early Years Lead)	Mrs Lynch (TA)	Miss Johnson (TA)	Miss Hard (TA)	Mrs Radford (PPA Cover) Mrs Armstrong (PPA Cover)
Miss Togher (Lily Class)	Miss Larmie (TA)	Mrs David (TA)		

Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum

We teach all areas of the curriculum during the school week and these are split into various areas of learning:

Prime Areas

- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Physical Development
- Communication and Language

Specific Areas

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

Learning Themes

During the first half term, we will spend a lot of time getting to know the children and helping them settle into our school routine. We will be using the story from our Literacy lessons 'Ruby's Worry' to develop talk around feelings and emotions. We will also be looking at seasonal changes and will go for a walk around our local area to help us observe and notice the changes that occur in Autumn.



The second half term in Reception will be based around festivals and celebrations such as Diwali, Bonfire night and Christmas with preparations taking place. We will start to focus on developing the 'Understanding The World' part of the curriculum more in this term as we look at the world around us and our local environment.

Literacy

In Literacy this term, we will be looking at two stories 'Ruby's Worry' by Tom Percival and 'On Sudden Hill' by Linda Sarah and Benji Davies. In these units we will be talking all about feelings, emotions and similarities and differences between others. We will also be introducing the children to new vocabulary and encouraging the children to come up with their own ideas for a new story. In Autumn 2 we will be looking at 'The Three Little Pigs'. Throughout both units we will be focusing on supporting the children with their phonic knowledge and beginning to develop vocabulary and book talk.



P.E

PE lessons will take place on a Monday for all children. Please ensure your child has the correct kit including: plain black shorts, jogging bottoms or leggings, purple round neck t-shirt with logo, purple hoodie and Trainers or plimsolls.

No jewellery please.



Homework

Homework is shared using the Early Years Partnership Book. Books will be sent home on a Friday with activities/information for you to complete with your child. We will then ask for your child to hand them back in the following Wednesday.



Mathematics

For our first term in Reception we will be mainly focusing on developing mathematical language and a deeper understanding of numbers to 5. During our first unit we will explore matching and sorting a variety of objects in different ways including: by colour, size, or shape. We will use this time to discuss the 'odd one out' and begin to develop our reasoning talk to explain our answers. We will then move on to identifying representations of numbers 1,2 and 3 and begin to subitise and identify one more and one less.



Communication and Language

The children will be exposed to lots of stories through our Literacy lessons, continuous provision and story time. We will focus on encouraging the children to listen to simple stories and understand what is happening. We will use simple story maps to support children in retelling the key events from the story. A big focus will be on exposing the children to a wider range of vocabulary and beginning to understand simple 'who', 'what' and 'where' questions.

Values

At Ramridge we teach children values. Values are aspirational attributes and attitudes. These can be nurtured to help people discover the very best of themselves, which enables them to be good citizens and prepare them for the life of work. It equips pupils with social skills that help them co-operate, and relate to others effectively. Our school values are promoted by all staff in every aspect of school life and cover a two-year cycle where a value is introduced each month.

Our Values for the Autumn term are:

September – **Respect**

November – **Patience**

October – **Responsibility**

December - **Generosity**

Please remember to regularly visit our class pages on the school website www.ramridge.co.uk and follow us on twitter [@RamridgePrimary](https://twitter.com/RamridgePrimary) or like us on Facebook – **Ramridge Primary School.**

Yours sincerely,
Miss Hopkins and Miss Togher