



## Our First Few Days

We have included a lot of important information in this first Peek. Please read it carefully.

Thank you

The children have had a wonderful first couple of days in Reception. They are working very hard at learning their new routines and investigating all the resources and equipment in our inside and outside areas. We are very impressed and proud of the children for how they have behaved and settled. You might find, once the children are doing full days, they become quite tired and more emotional. That is perfectly normal and we are all here to support and ease your children into their Reception year. A big thank you for all the support and encouragement you have given your children, and us, this week, and how welcoming you have been on our home visits.

If you have not yet completed the online application forms please complete these as soon as possible. The QR code is on the image below. If you completed this before your child started Reception, then you do not need to do it again.

**DORCHESTER PRIMARY SCHOOL**

### Welcome to Reception 2025

Your 'Welcome to Reception' Information Pack can be found on our school website under 'Joining Us' or by following the QR Code below.



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## Peek at the Week Photos

Every week, we like to keep parents and carers aware of what we have been learning at school. We cannot post a photo of your child unless you have given permission on the google forms. We have already taken some lovely photos that we would like to share.

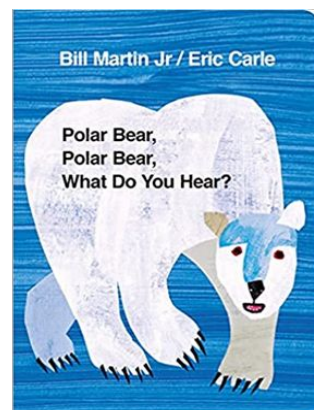
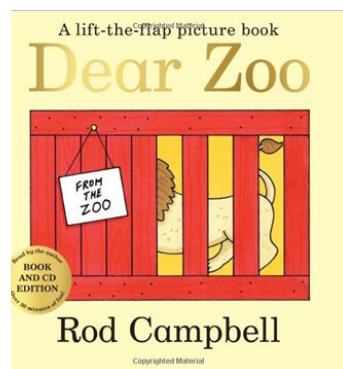
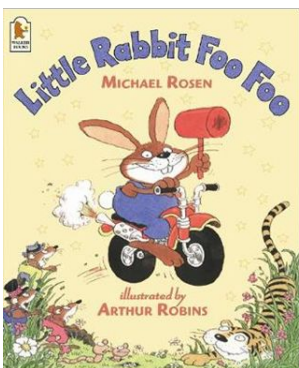
## Family Photos

Please do email your class teacher a family photo. We will be using these in the next couple of weeks. The children will decorate frames and they will be displayed on our wall. The children love to share stories with each other about their families.

## 3-a-day Stories

Every half term we focus on three stories which the children learn to recite with us at key points. The stories introduce various story elements such as, repetition and rhyme as well as helping them to learn to tell a story in the correct order.

This half term we are reading : Little Rabbit Foo Foo by Michael Rosen, Dear Zoo by Rod Campbell and Polar Bear, Polar Bear What can you hear?, by Bill Martin Jr



## Clothing

**Name Labels:** Please remember to name **EVERYTHING** your child brings or wears to school including coats, shoes and water bottles.

**Wellies:** As the children will be playing outside in **ALL** weathers, please could you send in a pair of **named Wellies** (if you have not done so already), which we will keep outside the classrooms for the children to change into for Forest School and puddle jumping!

**Spare Clothes:** Please could you send in a **NAMED** set of spare clothes in a separate bag, preferably in a drawstring bag or a bag that closes. Please also include **socks!** The clothes do not have to be school uniform but please keep the clothes plain – without logos or characters.

## Forest School

The children will have Forest School sessions on a Thursday morning with Riad. The classes will go every other week. We are looking for parents who would be available to support us with these sessions either weekly or on a rota basis. If you think you can help please contact your class teacher (see email addresses below).

### Forest School timetable:

#### **September**

11th - Bronze

18th - Silver

25 - Bronze

#### **October**

2nd - Silver

9th - Bronze

16th - Silver

23th - Bronze

## Important Dates

**Jeans for Genes Day** - Friday 19th September. Children can wear jeans to school with their uniform on their top half.

<https://www.jeansforgenes.org/who-we-are>

**INSET Day** - Friday 24th October

**Half term holiday** - Monday 27th - Friday 31st October

**First Day Autumn 2** - Monday 3 November

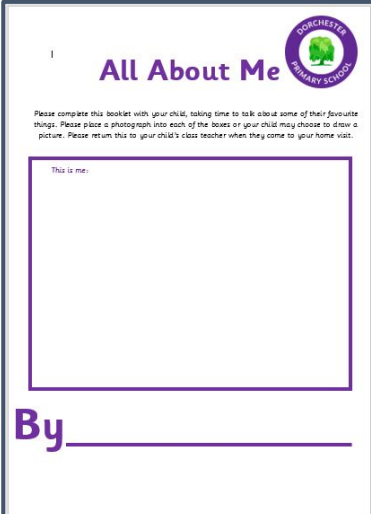
## **School Dinner Menu**

The school dinner menu can be found on the school website at:

<https://www.dorchesterprimary.com/page/?title=School+Lunch&pid=114>

## All About me

If you still have your child's All About Me booklet at home, please send it in next week



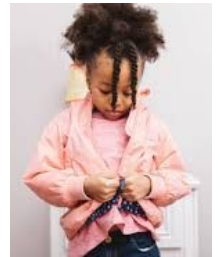
The image shows the cover of an 'All About Me' booklet. At the top right is the Dorchester Primary School logo, which is a circular emblem with a tree and the text 'DORCHESTER PRIMARY SCHOOL'. Below the logo, the title 'All About Me' is written in a bold, sans-serif font. Underneath the title, there is a small line of text: 'Please complete this booklet with your child, taking time to talk about some of their favourite things. Please place a photograph into each of the boxes or your child may choose to draw a picture. Please return this to your child's class teacher when they come to your home visit.' Below this text is a large, empty rectangular box with a thin purple border, intended for a photograph or drawing. At the bottom of the booklet, the word 'By' is written in a large, bold, purple font, followed by a horizontal line for a signature.

## Please return...

It is very normal, at the beginning of Reception for toys/resources to be accidentally put in pockets and bags and end up at home. If you find things at home that belong to school please return them to your class teacher. Thank you.

## Building Independence - Putting on our Coats

In Reception we work on building the children's independence in all areas. As we are heading into Autumn and the children are needing to put their coats on more regularly, could you please help the children to pull the sleeves out and put their coat on independently. It is a real boost for self confidence for the children!



## Contacts

If you would like to contact any of us by email. We will reply as soon as possible within school working hours.

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