

### **The School Day:**

Reception doors open at 8.40am and close at 8.45am and school ends at 3:15pm every day.

Every school day counts!

### **Important dates over the next few weeks:**

**Wednesday 06 September:** Your child's first full day in school.

**Thursday 14 September:** School nurse in to measure height and weight..

**Thursday 21 September:** RW parent workshop

**Friday 22 September:** RR parent workshop.

**Tuesday 26 September:** RR and RW home reading workshop.

**Monday 9 October:** Stay and learn sessions (every Monday and Friday 8.40–9.00)

**Tuesday 10 and Wednesday 11 October:** Reception parents evening.  
(appointments to be made nearer the time)

**Friday 20 October:** School closes for two weeks. Return to school on Monday 6 November.

### **Important Notices:**

Please make sure that all of your child's clothes and belongings are labelled with their name. It is hard to locate a jumper that has no name! The lost property box can be found in the cloakroom.

It is vital that when your child is dropped off and collected from school that you give your child your full attention. At Dixons Allerton Primary we expect all parents to have mobile phones away. If a parent is seen talking on the phone, the class teacher will kindly wait for you to finish before dropping off or collecting your child.

Outdoor learning is very important to us here at Dixons Allerton as it provides children with a vast amount of experiences that cannot be replicated indoors. Because of this the children spend half of each day outside come rain or shine. So it is vital your child is sent to school in their coat each day and that a pair of wellies has been provided for them to keep at school in their cubby hole.



## **Reception Curriculum Map**

### **Autumn 1 2017-18**

Term Dates:

Tuesday August 29 2017

to Friday 20 October 2017

This curriculum map is your guide to what your child is learning in school over the next few weeks.

We hope that this will support you in learning with your child at home.

Area of Learning:	How to help your child at home:
<p><b>Personal, Social and Emotional:</b> During this first term we will be learning to use the different areas of our classroom and about what good learning looks like. We will learn all about our class rules and how to be respectful learners. We will make lots of new friendships in the next few weeks and will learn how to be a good friend.</p>	<p>Ask your child about their day in school and what they have been learning.</p> <p>Play lots of turn taking games at home with your child.</p>
<p><b>Physical Development:</b> We will be spending half of each day using our outdoor classroom where we will be running, jumping, climbing and riding bikes, so it is important you provide your child with a pair of wellington boots. We will learn how to be safe when moving around outdoors, for example when transporting equipment such as the green crates. Inside, we will be learning how to use our fingers to control a range of mark making tools including pencils, glue spreaders and paintbrushes. The children will be putting on their own coats independently and we will be supporting the children with learning how to fasten their coats.</p>	<p>Take your child to the park to run, jump and climb.</p> <p>Ask your child to set the table by using their super strong fingers.</p> <p>Encourage your child to dress themselves for school.</p>
<p><b>Communication and Language:</b> We will be learning how to be a good listener and a good speaker. We will practice our listening skills when we listen to stories at carpet time. We will also take it in turns to develop our speaking skills by sharing our news at the end of the day, making sure we are always speaking in clear and full sentences. As part of developing our listening skills, we will practice our ability to follow simple instructions; for example, please put the book back in the box and sit on the carpet.</p>	<p>Talk, talk and talk to your child.</p> <p>Listen, listen and listen to your child. Always praise good listening and good looking!</p> <p>Show them how it is done!</p> <p>Encourage your child to speak in full sentences.</p>

Area of Learning:	How to help your child at home:
<p><b>Literacy:</b> We will be singing lots of nursery rhymes and reading rhyming books as we know that hearing the rhyme and rhythm in the spoken word helps us to begin to read, write and learn new words! We will practice the initial sounds in words and begin to break simple CVC words up and identify which sounds are in the word e.g. hen, h...e...n. We will be doing lots of writing in our play, At this time of the year writing might mean making marks and being able to tell someone what they mean. We are also learning to recognise and write our name.</p>	<p>Sing lots of nursery rhymes with your children. Read books with your children to develop a love of reading. Practice holding a pen correctly. Ask your class teacher for a special technique. Praise all writing and mark making your children do.</p>
<p><b>Mathematics:</b> We will be singing lots of number rhymes such as 5 Speckled Frogs and 10 Green Bottles. The number rhymes will help us to understand counting and become familiar with numerals. We will use our fingers and noses to help us count correctly by saying one number per finger. (Ask your class teacher to show you how). We will also be exploring 2D shapes and repeating patterns in our maths meetings.</p>	<p>Count everything you see. Count the steps you climb, the food you eat and the cars that you see. Show that you say one number for each thing that you count.</p>
<p><b>Understanding the World:</b> During this first half term we will be encouraged to speak about our families and home life and to think about what makes us special. We will spend time using iPad and cameras and discussing their uses. We will spend lots of time outside, helping to grow our pumpkins and talking about plants and animals we have seen.</p>	<p>Talk to your child about the technology that we use and how it helps us. Spend time discussing events in your child's life.</p>
<p><b>Expressive Arts and Design:</b> We will be learning how to use a variety of media to convey our thoughts and feelings. We will learn the process of mixing powder paints and how to make different colours. We will pretend to be different people by dressing up which also help to express our imagination.</p>	<p>Spend time with your child building models and painting pictures at home.</p>