

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well what a fantastic start we have had in Reception! The children seem to have all grown so much over the holiday and we are having so much fun finding out about their summer holiday antics. Both classes have settled beautifully and are enjoying life in Reception.

Learning in Reception is play-based and is FUN! Our very first topic is 'What do I know about me?' Take a look at our planner to find out what we will be learning during this exciting topic.

In Reception the children can bring a healthy snack to school from Monday to Thursday. Friday is treat day (we all deserve one!) where the children can bring a small treat such as crisps, chocolate, biscuits but preferably not sweets. We also have toast for sale every day at a cost of 25p and this can be given to the teacher or kept in a wallet/purse in your child's tray. Milk is free for all children until their 5th birthday after which it will need to be paid for daily at a cost of 20p.

Your child will be bringing home a school picture or reading book along with some key words to learn. These will be changed when we feel the children are ready. Please could you write a note in the reading diary about how your child has found the task at home.

Your child will also be bringing home a 'News book' which can be used to share achievements, family events or something that your child is very proud of. These will go home on a Thursday and need to be returned on Monday.

Don't forget to check our school website for diary dates, newsletter and a host of other information:

[www.ashcroftinfantandnursery.com](http://www.ashcroftinfantandnursery.com)

We also have a Facebook page which is regularly updated. 'Like' the page to see children's work and important reminders:

[www.facebook.com/ashcroftinfantandnurseryschool](https://www.facebook.com/ashcroftinfantandnurseryschool)



We look forward to a fun-filled half term with the children!  
Mrs Buckler, Mrs Stevens and Mrs Poole

# Reception Learning Challenge Planner Autumn 1

## What do I know about me?

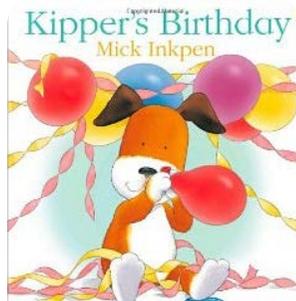
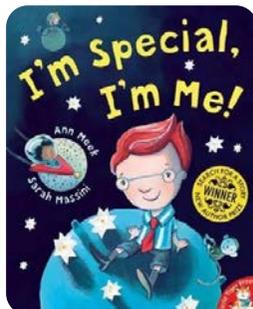
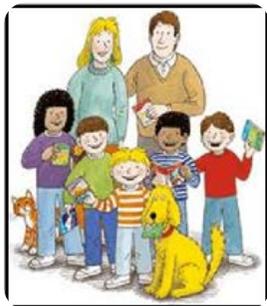


**WOW:** Plan and have a birthday party for our class mascot.

<b>LC1</b>	Why do we not all look the same?
<b>LC2</b>	Who are the special people in your family?
<b>LC3</b>	When is your birthday and how do you celebrate it?
<b>Reflection</b>	What do I know about my new friends?

### What books will we be looking at?

Books are a HUGE part of life at Ashcroft! We will be reading stories every day to the children and we will also be looking at stories linked to our topic. We will have fun sharing texts such as 'Kipper's Birthday', 'I'm Special, I'm Me!' and the Kipper, Biff and Chip books too.



### What will we be doing in school?

#### **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**

- Getting to know each other
- Learning about personal hygiene and our free-flow Snack Shack
- Practising our good manners
- Developing independence
- Sharing and taking turns
- Looking after ourselves and each other

#### **Physical Development**

- Developing fine motor skills
- Developing gross motor skills
- Developing a correct pencil grip
- Practising our scissor skills
- Following the 'Write Dance' scheme

#### **Understanding the world**

- Finding out about our families
- Learning about celebrations
- Where in the world do we live?

#### **Mathematics**

- Recognising numbers
- Careful counting and counting out a number of objects
- Ordering numbers
- Writing numbers
- Days of the week

#### **Expressive Arts and Design**

- Painting and drawing self portraits
- Playing in our home corner role play
- Making paper plate people
- Creating an 'Our favourite food' collage

#### **Literacy**

- Begin to learn letter sounds
- Meet the Oxford reading tree family (Kipper, Biff, Chip, Floppy, Mum and Dad)
- Begin name writing
- Completing an 'All about me' fact sheet
- Writing labels
- Writing invitations

#### **Communication and Language**

- Playing 'Getting to know each other' circle games
- Asking questions!
- Listening carefully to each other
- Following instructions
- Listening to stories