

Reception Spring 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Just a few notes to keep you updated on what's happening in Reception over this half term.



Topic – Our Wonderful World



Communication and Language The children will continue to share their news during carpet time giving them the opportunity to talk about things that happened using the past tense and linking statements that stick to a main theme or topic. Now that the children are entering their second term at school we hope to see their focus and attention developing to allow them to be fully engaged in learning opportunities. The children are encouraged to use language to imagine and recreate roles and experiences in play situations.

Understanding the world This half term we have created a bird spotting role play area where the children are able to identify different breeds of birds and learn about how they are the same and different. This links with us taking part in the RSPB bird watch. The children will be able to make observations and discuss what they notice and explain why some things occur, both inside and out. We ask you to support your children by looking out for different birds when you are out and about. The children will be learning about Chinese New Year which is on the 12th February this year. Both of these topics are a great opportunity for the children to learn about our world. We will be having a virtual visit to St Mary's Church on the 13th January with Father Andrew. This will be the first time a number of the children have visited the church.

Physical Development This half term the children will be learning gymnastics in their P.E. lessons. We are trying to purchase a trapeze for our outside area to support the children developing their upper body strength. The children are physically active throughout the day and we urge you to continue supporting the development of your child's gross and fine motor skills. To encourage your children to form their letters correctly please use the letter formation sheet attached. The letters should start where the green dot is and end where the red dot is. Please help them to write their names correctly.

PSHE The children will be learning about the school's value of courage in worships. In PSHE we will be setting goals and dreams, learning how to persevere and keep on trying, how to overcome challenges and help others to achieve their goals.

Mathematics

This half term we will be learning number bonds to 5, counting to 10, addition to 10, with a focus on number bonds to 10 and we will continue to learn about 2d and 3d shapes. Please look out for numbers in the environment so that your child can recognise the digits that represent the numbers they say, help you child count confidently, first to 5 then to 10 knowing that the last number said represents how many objects they have in total. We will continue to send weekly class story updates so that you know how to support your child's learning.

Literacy

In literacy we will be focusing on the children beginning to write independently and discussing books both fact and fictional. We will endeavour to create a love for writing through exciting and engaging opportunities for the children. Please see the attached advise on how to support your child at home. In phonics we will be learning phase 3 sounds. Your child will be given a phase 3 sound booklet to use at home to support their progress if they are secure in phase 2. We will be beginning guided reading sessions for all children. We ask that you really support your child's by reading with them at least 5 times a week. We can not stress the impact that reading at home has to the progress that your child will make with their reading. They only need to read 2-3 pages each time if that is all they can manage. Please write in their reading diaries when you read their book, or practise their sounds or common exception words with them. The children who read 5 times a week at home will earn a house point for being proactive with their learning.

Expressive Art and Design We will continue to teach the children different techniques to join materials and how to use tools effectively to create something they have in mind. We will encourage the children to discuss the different textures, form and function of the materials they use. We are very excited to have Mrs Collins coming in to teach music. We have also purchased more outside musical instruments to support their learning and create higher levels of engagement.