

Dear families, we hope you enjoy our curriculum newsletter. This will tell you what your child will be learning during this half term of school. If you feel you could contribute to our topics in any way, we would love to hear from you!

From the Reception Team.

Literacy

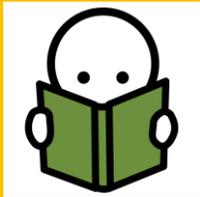
Writing

- Name Writing
- Letter formation, finger spaces, full stops, capital letters
- Retelling stories
- Writing letters / postcards
- Describing obstacles / textures

Reading / Phonics

- Within our daily phonics sessions we will be continuing to learn the phonemes and digraphs from phase 3 of letters and sounds – ai, ee, igh, oa, oo, ar, or, ur, ow, oi, ear, air, er.
- Tricky words we will be learning – they, all, are, my, her, said, have, like, so, out, do.
- Within Phonics we will now be splitting into three groups in order to best meet the needs of the children. Your child will either be with Mrs Krol, Miss Flint or Miss Little.

Each week we will have a book of the week which links to what we are learning about.



Reception
Spring A half term
topic is-
**We're Going on a
Bear Hunt**

Expressive arts and design

- Junk Model binoculars
- Adding music to movements and to retell a story
- Experimenting with different textures
- Moving to music
- Role play
- Cross Hatching



Maths –

Number

- Recognising, ordering numbers to 10 / 20.
- Part / whole model addition
- Number line subtraction
- Number bonds to 5/10/20
- Recording calculations
- Using Numicon

Shape, Space and Measure

- 2D and 3D shapes
- Length
- Positional language

Each week we have a number and shape of the week which we focus on also.



Understanding the World

- Chinese New year.
- Planning a route and using a map.
- Different environments.
- Weather / seasons observational changes.
- Experimenting making something waterproof.
- Different countries / cultures.
- ICT suite sessions – learning how to log on and open / close a program.

Children will also be taught a fantastic fact of the week which we are sure they will enjoy sharing with you.



Physical Development

- Dough gym
- Pencil control
- Using scissors safely
- Using a knife and fork at lunchtime correctly.
- Negating spaces safety
- Toileting independently
- Dressing / undressing independently.

This half term we will be having bikeability sessions during our PE lessons with Mrs Mellor on a Thursday.



Forest School

If your child is attending Forest school this half term, they will receive a letter. Children attend for a full term, 5 children from each Reception class. Forest School is a great opportunity for the children to develop their independence and confidence whilst learning outside. All children will attend Forest School either during their Reception Year or in Year 1.



Communication and language

- Circle times – holiday news.
- Show and tell.
- Listening as others speak.
- Discussing and answering questions about what we have read.
- Turn taking in conversations.



Personal, Social and Emotional

- Develop independence – getting dressed, coming into school without our grown-ups.
- Continue to follow school routines.
- Talk about what makes a good friend
- Talk about own needs and wants confidently.
- Feelings – how our actions impact others.



Homework

At the start of the half term we will put in your child blue homework book, homework for the half term it will be a mixture of maths and topic-based activities as well as the week by week phonics homework. As and when your child has completed a homework activity we ask that you put the blue book in their bag, so we can mark it.

Reading

Reading books are changed weekly when we have read with your child in school. The day in which your child is read with changes so please can we ask that reading packets remain in book bags throughout the week. Could we also ask that you make a brief comment in your child's reading record so ask that you make a brief comment in your child's reading record as to how they go on with the books.

Library Books will be swapped on a Friday

Please take time to share other books with your child when you can, as this will greatly enhance your child's language skills and love of reading!

