

## Reception Curriculum Information

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of our new Reception children and parents, and welcome back those who were in our nursery last year. We hope that you had a good summer and are ready for the exciting year ahead of us.

### Curriculum

Our themes for this term will be 'Animals' and 'Winter/Christmas'. We will be reading lots of animal stories and discussing all of the different types of animals we know, comparing them to each other and looking at similarities and differences. We may even have a visit from a special visitor and get to hold some animals for ourselves. 😊 Nearer the time, we will be reading Winter/Christmas stories and talk about the characters, settings and events. Other activities will be based on the children's own individual interests, experiences and the curriculum on offer.

Very soon we will be starting to learn our letter sounds as well as the actions and songs linked to each one. We would appreciate your help in reinforcing these sounds at home; therefore, we have included our schedule below.

Week commencing	Letter patterns / formation	Letters and Sounds
September 26th	Retracing vertical lines	s, a, t, p
October 3rd	Anti-clockwise movements	i, n, m, d
October 10th	Zig-zag patterns	g, o, c, k
October 17th	Loop patterns	ck, e, u, r
October 31st	c	h, b, f (ff), l (ll), ss
November 7 <sup>th</sup>	g and o	j, v, w, x
November 14 <sup>th</sup>	d and a	y, z (zz), qu
November 21 <sup>st</sup>	Recap curly caterpillar letters	ch, sh, th, ng
November 28 <sup>th</sup>	e	ai, ee, igh, oa
December 5 <sup>th</sup>	i and l	Recap sounds to date
December 12th	Recap letter formation to date	Recap sounds to date

Home/School reading books have already been sent home. Please remember to practise your child's key words every night. Little and often is the key at this age.

During Maths lessons we will be learning how to read, write and order numbers to 5 and then 10. A child's daily life offers many practical opportunities to learn about number, shape, space, sorting and matching. Here are some maths ideas for you to do at home in order to support your child in their learning journey:

- Setting places at the table - counting knives and forks
- Counting the stairs to bed
- Helping to sort the washing - matching socks, big shirt / small shirt
- Looking for shapes around the home - windows, doors, clocks, paving stones
- Counting and writing numbers to 10
- Singing number songs - 10 green bottles, One potato, two potato etc
- Looking for numbers in the environment on your walk to school - door numbers, bus numbers, car number plates

### **Cookery Money**

A voluntary donation of £2.00 is greatly appreciated to help us buy the ingredients we need for cooking. Please send this in to your child's class teacher as soon as possible.

### **Clothing**

The children spend a lot of their time in our outdoor learning areas and they have a wonderful time learning through the activities prepared for them. Please make sure that your child is always dressed appropriately for the weather. Please ensure that your child's uniform is clearly named to avoid any mix-ups.

### **Other Contributions**

We would be very grateful if you would provide us with a box of tissues, if you haven't already done so. We are always on the lookout for cardboard boxes and other recyclable materials including buttons, ribbons, paper and card. Our creative areas are proving to be very popular this year! If you have anything that you do not need at any time throughout the year, please send it in. We appreciate this greatly.

Thank you

Reception Team ☺