

Reception Newsletter

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Welcome to Reception Class Newsletter. We hope you enjoy finding out about the exciting things we will be learning this term.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will be focusing on playing kindly with others and sharing resources. During class we will explore how to manage our feelings and how to communicate to others if they upset us. Please encourage your child to practice turn taking, a fun way to this is through board games with the family.

Communication and Language

We will be focusing on listening to each others ideas and asking each other questions about our topics including "Space" and "Spring". We are also practicing extending our sentences by using words such as because and and to give more detail to our answers. Challenge your child to explain their answers in more detail when you ask them a question.

Physical Development

We will develop our gross motor skills this term by balancing, running, jumping, hopping and climbing. We will practise being aware of others' space and how to ensure that we are playing safely. During PE we will observe the changes that happen to our body when we exercise. We will also continue to work on our fine motor skills, with activities such as moving objects with tweezers and practicing doing our buttons up.

Literacy Reading and Writing

We will look at books independently and have a go at reading words and simple sentences. During phonics we will continue to work on blending sounds and learning our tricky words. In Literacy, we will continue to make marks and write in a variety of ways. Please encourage your child to practice their letters and have a go at sounding out simple words.

Expressive Art and Design

We will enjoy joining in with singing, dancing and ring games; exploring paint, play dough and clay and using construction materials to design and build. Why not create a space rocket at home using different materials?

Mathematics

Number and Shape, Space and Measure

We will be learning to count up to 20 and match the correct quantity of objects. We will also learn about simple addition and subtraction. This half term we will also be learning about measure, weight and capacity, especially focusing on the language such as heavier / lighter, taller / shorter. Help your child by talking about this size of everyday objects.

Understanding the World

We will be learning all about space and the different planets that make up our solar system. During topic we will be looking at similarities and differences between ourselves and others. Using our new iPads we will learn how to use simple programmes. Please encourage your child to look at the sky at night and talk about the moon.

Reminders

- Please send your child with a named water bottle each day.
- Please name and label everything - it really does help your child and staff if anything goes missing.
- Ensure your child brings a coat to school everyday as we play outside most days.
- Our PE day is Monday. Please ensure kit is in school.
- We will be making space rockets using lots of different materials. Please send in kitchen rolls, clean yoghurt pots and old boxes.
- In Reception we ask for a voluntary contribution of £2.50 per half term. We use the money to provide cooking ingredients and other malleable materials such as corn flour and shaving foam. This can still be paid in cash.

Our end of term targets

- To know all our phase 2 phonics sounds and be able to use them to write simple words and sentences.
- To be able to read simple sentences
- To be able to recognise and order numerals to 20
- To be able to use everyday language of time, weight and measure.
- To independently get dressed including zipping up my coat and putting gloves on.
- To turn take in small groups
- To be able to talk about my interests and answer questions that others may ask.
- To describe similarities and differences between myself and others.
- To create my designs using different materials

Thank you for your support!
Miss Bowen, Mrs Cullen,
Miss Kaur & Mrs Lloyd