

Reception Newsletter

APRIL 2018

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 talking in groups to others about the things we enjoy and our ideas about different subjects. We will practice listening to others' views. At home encourage your child to talk about what they have learnt at school and how they have been caring and compassionate to others.

Communication and Language

We will be focusing on following instructions involving several ideas or actions. We will be also be answering how and why questions about experiences and in response to stories or events. Challenge your child to answer how and why questions about stories they have read or things they have made.

Physical Development

We will be focusing on healthy eating and how to look after our body. During PE we will observe the changes that happen to our body when we exercise. We will also work on our gross motor skills in PE by using our new outdoor equipment. During class we will continue to work on our fine motor skills with playdough, sorting seeds with tweezers and threading. Please support your child by practicing using scissors at home and encouraging them to dress independently.

Literacy Reading and Writing

We will look at books independently and have a go at reading 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 read and write at every opportunity.

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 design a superhero cape or minibeast hotel at home using different materials?

Mathematics

Number and Shape, Space and Measure

We will be focusing on ordering numbers to twenty and being able to say one more and one less of a given number. We will also be learning to double, half and share. This half term we will also be learning about time and money. Help your child by practicing recognising numerals or showing practical applications of doubling / halving.

Understanding the World

We will be learning all about plants and minibeasts. During topic we will be looking at how plants grow and how to look after them. We will also cover superheroes and dinosaurs. Please encourage your child to look at plants that are growing outside and to care for any plants/ animals you may have at home.

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 sunhat and suncream to school every day as we play outside every day.
- Our PE day is Monday. Please ensure kit is in school.
- 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.
- We are working hard to create our new outside area, thank you for all of the donations.

Our end of term targets

- To know all our phase 3 phonics sounds e.g ai, er, ur and be able to use them to write simple words and sentences.
- To be able to read simple sentences
- To be able to double, halve and share single digit quantities.
- Recognise, create and describe patterns
- To independently get dressed including zipping up my coat.
- To turn take in small groups
- To be able to talk about my interests and answer questions that others may ask.
- To represent our ideas, thoughts and feelings through design and technology, art, music, dance, role play and stories.
- To make observations of animals, plants & explain why some things occur, and talk about changes.

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