

Reception Newsletter

Autumn 2018

Welcome to the first Reception newsletter of the year! Newsletters are emailed every term and will give you a little insight into what the children will be learning across all of the areas of the curriculum. We also use it to give reminders or further details about school activities and events.

The Reception team have been extremely impressed with how well all of the children have settled into school life. They have been coming into school with very little support and it is great to see them finding their pegs and lockers independently! We would like to thank you for your support in helping the children start their journey in Reception so confidently.

Our topics this half term are...

Topic

In previous years, we have had set 'Topics' which shape our planning across all areas of the curriculum. This year, we are excited to be following the children's interests and ideas to further enhance our child-led approach to learning. We will be taking note of what the children enjoy and are interested in, before we plan for their learning. We are really looking forward to where the children will take us!

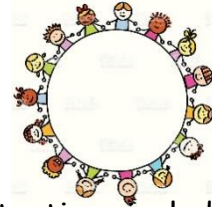


Personal, Social and Emotional Development

The children will be getting to know one another and making new relationships as they settle into their new class. We will be discussing how to resolve conflicts and talking to each other about our abilities, strengths and things we find more challenging.

We will be talking about our school rules and discussing how to keep these rules when we are learning and playing.

Communication and Language



The children will be learning how to be a good listener in different situations including whole group and one to one interactions. They will be partaking in regular Circle Times where they will be encouraged to talk about themselves and their experiences, as well as listen to others.

They will be using language to recreate roles and stories in their play and will be encouraged to listen and respond to the ideas of others.



Physical Development

The children will be taking part in a weekly P.E. session; this will take place on Monday. Please send your child into school on a Monday wearing their PE clothes. There will be no requirement for PE kits to be left in school. We ask that you encourage your child to dress and undress independently. The children will mainly be working on spatial awareness and moving safely around obstacles.

As well as their P.E. sessions the children will be working on their physical skills every day. The children are able to access the outdoor equipment throughout the day and they will be taking part in a variety of activities to develop the strength and control needed to hold a pencil effectively for writing.



Literacy

The children will be taking part in daily Phonics sessions. Here they will be learning a new sounds rapidly; the building blocks to help them read and write. We use a phonics program called 'Read, Write, Inc', our previous Reception class loved these sessions and made super progress. The children will be using this knowledge to hear sounds in words and attempt to write them. We will also be focusing on teaching the children to write their names using well-formed letters.

The first book that Reception class will be exploring is 'Elmer' by David McKee. This is a story of an elephant who is a little different to all the other elephants. Your child will be learning to orally retell the story before innovating it by changing key details to create their own version.

We are also introducing a 'Story of the Day', where children will each have a turn in bringing in a favourite book from home - story sharing is incredibly important in sparking imagination and introducing some marvelous vocabulary. Look out for your child's invite!



Mathematics

The children will be partaking in a daily Maths session. This term we will be focusing mainly on counting and number recognition. The children will be learning to count forwards and backwards, counting sets of objects with 1:1 correspondence and learning to write numerals with good formation. Following this, the children will be exploring 2D shapes; naming, describing using mathematical language and creating and recreating patterns and build models with shapes.



Understanding of the World

As well as exploring different cultures in our everyday provision, we will be following our children's interests to develop our learning in this area.

In technology, we will be learning to use programs on the iPads and classroom computers safely.



Expressive Arts and Design

Again, we will be following our children's interests in this area. We hope to incorporate the opportunity to explore textures and different media.

The children will be learning new songs and exploring the sounds made by a variety of percussion instruments as well as roleplaying well known stories.

Mrs Verway is very excited to be working with the Reception children every Monday afternoon for a music session. She has been busy planning Harvest songs for the children to learn.



Spanish

We are very lucky to have Mr De Celis teaching our children Spanish. Every Monday, for a short, lively session, Mr De Celis will be introducing the Spanish language. Let's see if the children can start teaching their adults at home!

Homework

The children will be given weekly homework on a Thursday. Although this homework is non-compulsary, it is designed to be fun and support learning that has taken place in school. We encourage you to work with your child to complete it. Please ensure their homework books are returned by the following Monday.

Wellies

We would like for each child to have a pair of named wellies left at school, which will enable us to be outdoors regardless of the weather.

Home readers

Each child will receive a 'Home Readers Pack'. Within this pack you will find key words to practice reading at home. Your child will also be given a reading book and reading record for you to note how your child got on. Please ensure your child brings this pack in every day to ensure that we are keeping up to date with their progress and for us to change their book when appropriate.

Junk Modelling

We would love any small boxes (cereal box or smaller) to help the children build models.
Thank you!

Activity Afternoon

We would like to invite you into school to share some learning time with your child. The Activity Afternoon will provide you (or relative/close family friend) the opportunity to talk about some of their previous learning and complete some simple, fun activities together. The first of these sessions will be held on -

Tuesday 23rd October - 2pm

Thank you for your support

The Reception Team