

# Reception Year – Term 3 Information

## HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!

We hope you were all able to have an enjoyable Christmas break and a good start to the new year. We are ready and raring to get this term underway and explore all sorts of learnings. We cannot wait to get started and we hope the children are just as excited!

May we take this opportunity to say a huge thank you for the many wonderful gifts, cards and messages you gave to us for Christmas; it was very kind of all of you.

Another thank you to those of you who shared some wonderful photos and memories of your holidays through Tapestry. This can be done throughout the year and if you are having any difficulties, then please just ask.

## Our learning this term

We continue to follow your children's interests and promote independence in their learning journey, 'planning in the moment' on a day-to-day basis. Our routine is mainly the same, consisting of short periods of adult-led teaching followed by lengthy child-initiated play opportunities where children can rehearse and put into action their new learning. Adults will interact and engage with the children to scaffold their learning and introduce other tools and ensure they are making good progress towards the Early Learning Goals.

In regular phonics teaching, children will continue to explore the blending of sounds they have learnt in order to be able to read simple words to match their phonological awareness. Children will continue to have many opportunities to develop their mathematical knowledge and understanding through both their play and adult-led inputs. They will embed their understanding of number; explore numbers from 6-10 and incorporating other mathematical learning into their own interests. In addition, the children will continue to have their PE sessions on a Friday with a focus of 'Target' and will need to come into school in their PE kit.

Mrs Brookes will be doing their music sessions on a Thursday to further investigate their understanding of making music and joining in with singing and dancing.

We will also continue to have Mrs Smith coming in on a Thursday to introduce more artistic skills such as painting, colour mixing, using a variety of tools and exploring different media. Discrete Religious Education will continue to further their understanding of Christianity moving on to parables from the New Testament and what these stories were teaching.

## Key Information

- Reading books will continue to be changed on the children's dedicated colour group days. We will also continue to send home new phonics cards to be used to support your child at home with blending and segmenting activities to do alongside their reading.
- We are also very lucky to have Forest School again this term! RAM will go on a Tuesday and REC, on a Wednesday. Please dress your child in old, warm clothes that you are happy for them to get a bit dirty in and waterproof suit/trousers are also optional! It will also be helpful for them to have hats, gloves and scarves. Please ensure that your child comes to school as ready as they can be on those mornings so that we can get them up to Forest School as quickly as possible.
- Please also remember to send your child into school with their labelled water bottle that contains water. We are encouraging children to drink as much as they can.