

Reception Year – Term 3 Information

A very Happy New Year to you all! We hope you had an enjoyable Christmas break and that you and your child are ready to take on all that is new for this busy and exciting term. May we take this opportunity to thank you for the many wonderful gifts, cards and messages you gave to us for Christmas, they were very much appreciated.

Thank you for returning the Leo Learning Journals – we cannot wait to see what you have all been up to over the holiday. We truly appreciate the time you took to support your child with their recording.

Just a note to say, we will be doing our annual walk around the village to help us learn about Chinese New Year. This will take place on the morning of Friday 24th January; leaving school at 9:15am and returning at approximately 10:15/10:30am.

As always, do not hesitate to ask any questions you may have. We are in this together!

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 with the addition of a weekly PE session. Adults will interact and engage with the children to scaffold their learning and ensure they are making good progress towards the Early Learning Goals.

Our topic for this term is all about 'Being Healthy, Staying Safe'. From lunchboxes to crossing the road, we will be looking at ways to keep ourselves healthy as well as ways in which we can stay safe; out and about and at home. We hope to have relevant visitors in to help with the children's understanding of this topic. If you think your line of work may support their learning and would like to come and talk to the children, please speak to us.

In regular phonics teaching, children are exploring the blending of sounds they have learnt in order to be able to read simple words and some CVC words, such as 'it, at, in, cat, sit, rot, man etc. We will also be introducing digraphs where two graphemes join to make one sound e.g. s and h makes 'sh'. 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 number bonds to 5 and look at length and weight. In addition, children continue to have tennis coaching to support their physical development along with gymnastics teaching on a Wednesday afternoon. A music teacher will come into class to scaffold their exploration of music and singing within their child initiated learning and discrete Religious Education will continue to further their understanding of Christianity through the stories of Jesus.

Key Information

- Your child will soon be coming home with an additional book, selected by an adult, to support their reading development. Please continue to record how well your child interacts with these published texts in the reading record books. These will be changed by the adults on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays and also need to be kept in their book bag and sent into school every day. Do please continue to take as many opportunities as possible to share books with your child, discussing the pictures, predicting possible events and encouraging them to spot familiar words.
- With the addition of a PE lesson this term, your child will need to have their own PE kit kept in school. If you haven't already done so, please ensure your child has their named kit ready for next Wednesday. Many thanks.

