

Term 3 2025-26 Reception Newsletter

Dear Reception Parents and Carers,

We hope you and your child have enjoyed the first term of school and are getting used to the daily routines and expectations. Our continued Theme for this Spring Term is '**This World of Ours and Beyond**' where we will be learning all about Winter and seasonal changes.

Reading

Daily reading at home is essential. Every Reception child is now blending, and their fluency will improve with 5– 10 minutes of daily reading at home.

Research highlights that reading is the number one skill linked to academic and life success.

Please remember: "Practice makes permanent."

We reward children for their reading efforts, but they need your support to make this possible.

Seasonal clothing and spare clothes

As the weather turns bitterly cold, please ensure your child has the following:

- A waterproof, warm coat
- A hat and waterproof gloves

These items will help your child participate fully in all outdoor learning opportunities. Please also provide/ replace spare clothes to keep in school. All belongings must be clearly labelled with your child's name to avoid misplacement.

Homework Books

Homework books need to be returned on a Wednesday so that we can put new homework in them.

Book Bags

Book bags must be in school every day. Please DO NOT put water bottles in bags, as they tend to leak and ruin our reading books and this will result in a £6 charge to replace damaged books.

Reading records and Phonics reading books must also be in school every day, as we need them throughout the week.

We ask that these spare clothes are brought in a drawstring PE style bag as we do not have the capacity to store large backpacks. If your child comes home in spare clothes from school, please could these be returned so we can continue to use them in emergencies.

PE

PE lessons will take place on Fridays. Please ensure your child is dressed in the appropriate active wear uniform on this day.

General Reminders

We are always here to listen and help. For changes to collection arrangements or other non-urgent matters, please email us via the admin email address. For safeguarding or childcare issues, please visit the office, and they will guide you. For any other matter please send an email requesting a meeting

Dates for the Diary

Chinese New Year: 17th February-3rd March

Number Day: 6th February

Internet Safety Day: 10th February

Thank you for your continued support!

Mrs Field, Miss O'Connor, Miss Baker and the Early Years Team



Communication and Language Development

Our role play area will be a Polar Expedition and the children will take part in using their language to recreate the role of an explorer and introduce a story line or narrative into their play. They will be spotting wild polar animals and writing recounts of their findings. The children will learn about how to discuss topics with a 'Talking Partner' to extend their vocabulary and practise their speaking and listening skills.

Physical Development

We will be having PE sessions where we will work on balance and throwing and catching. We will continue to practise our pre-cursive letter formation and number formation as well as continuing to develop our cutting skills, by cutting Polar animal shapes, Warm clothing pictures, etc

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This term we will be talking about: My Dreams and Goals, where we will be talking about tackling challenges when we encounter them, what do we want to be when we grow up, what do you wish to accomplish in your learning in Reception.

Understanding the World

We will be learning about the season of winter. We will be doing lots of experiments with ice, making snow, investigating, why things melt, etc. We will also learn about the animals that live in each Polar region, why don't they feel the cold, and how come penguins don't get wet? We will learn about why winter happens and how it affects our world.

People and Communities and Religious Education

We will be learning about 'How do we Celebrate?' We will talk about different ways that people celebrate a new year and what that can look like in different religions and cultures.

Mathematics

We will focus on numbers 1-20 and learning about addition and subtraction. We will start by adding objects only and using the correct vocabulary for this. (Plus, more, altogether, makes, take away, minus, less).

Expressive Arts and Design

Art

We will be exploring collages and textures to create artistic pieces inspired by Eric Carle.

Music

We will continue to use our CHARANGA music system to develop our sense of rhythm and beat. This term we will explore the topic of, Everyone!

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Literacy

Writing

We will be learning to use our phonics knowledge to draw and label objects and write short sentences using 'Lost and Found' and 'The Naughty Bus' as our focus.

Reading

We will be listening to Fiction Stories, such as Lost and Found, The Naughty Bus, Penguin Huddle, and The Magic Paintbrush.