



Term 1 Newsletter



English

This term we will begin our journey to become readers! We will start to learn our single letter sounds in our Read Write Inc Phonics lessons and learn how to write them in our new writing books. We will do lots of singing to remember and practise nursery rhymes and new songs to help us with routines. Our books this term are Owl Babies and Little Red Hen.

To support at home you can:

- Learn and practise different nursery rhymes
- Practise the sounds which we learn in school – listed each week in reading records

Maths

In Reception, we will focus in closely on numbers within 10, with counting up to 20 later in the year. This term, we will be working on understanding numbers 1-5. We will be learning to show numbers on our fingers from 1–5, show them using Numicon and represent them on a five frame. We will also become experts at subitising (saying how many without counting) up to 6 using dice, objects and talk pictures.

To support at home you can:

- Practise counting or subitising to 5 using objects and pictures
- Play games with dice looking at the number of dots
- Sing counting songs, for example, '5 little ducks went swimming one day...'

Understanding the world around us

This term we are learning all about our new classroom and school. We will be looking at some of the different roles in the school including the headteacher and the caretaker. We will also be learning about our families, birthdays, Autumn and Harvest.

Expressive arts and design

In this area of the curriculum, we will be developing our gross and fine motor skills. We will be pinching, pulling, poking and pushing playdough to manipulate it into different shapes. We will be learning how to roll a sausage and a ball out of dough. We will also learn how to use the art and creative area resources independently - for example, how to access the paint, collage materials and junk modelling and how to tidy it away when we have finished!

PSHE

This term we are exploring 'Being Me in My World' where we start to recognise and manage our own feelings, consider how to use gentle hands, how to work well with others and what 'being responsible' means.

What do we need to remember?

Everyday:

- A coat and wellies! You are welcome to leave a named pair of wellies at school. The children are frequently outside and have access to water, mud, sand and paint every day.
- Spare clothes including pants and socks in your child's book bag or rucksack.
- Reading folder – we will change 'Reading for Pleasure' books on **Thursdays**. Regularly reading stories with your child is a fantastic way to bond and help them develop pre-reading skills.

Friday:

Please send your child to school in Forest School kit ready for our morning session!