

Reception Newsletter

Middleton Parish Church School

Spring 2 2023

Phonics

This half term we will be continuing our Phase 3 phonics learning. During this phase we will learn lots more new sounds, digraphs and trigraphs. A digraph has 2 letters but only makes 1 sound, for example **ai**, **ee**, and **oa**. A trigraph has 3 letters but only makes one sound, for example **igh**, **ear** and **air**. We will focus on writing longer captions and sentences containing all the sounds and key words we have learnt so far, including our new digraphs and trigraphs.

Literacy

In Literacy, we will be using a different book each fortnight to inspire our learning across the curriculum. We will be starting our literacy learning with the story Tad, before moving on to the non-fiction book, Who is in the egg? and finishing the term with the Easter story.

Outdoor Shoes

To ensure all children can engage fully in our outdoor provision, we ask that each child has a pair of wellies that are left in school. These will be used for daily outdoor access and during Forest School sessions. Ideally, we ask that both wellies are clearly marked with your child's name.



Understanding the World

This half term we will be learning about minibeasts, animals and Easter. We will explore the minibeasts that we can find in our immediate environment, exploiting the opportunities that our forest school provides. We will enjoy the company of some fluffy, little visitors in our classroom for a couple of weeks before heading to the farm to meet some more animals! Towards the end of the half term, we will learn about why we celebrate Easter and the traditions involved in this important Christian celebration.

Reading

Story time

At the end of every day, we all participate in a class story time. This is a wonderful end to a busy day and provides a calm transition from school to home. Story time is an important aspect of our reading curriculum and is a vital aspect of developing young children's language skills. The books we share during story time are voted for by the children throughout the day. At the end of each day, we count the votes and the winning story is the one we share.

Reading Books and Boom Reader

All children are now bringing home 2 reading books each week. These books are changed every Monday. One book is matched to the current phonics teaching and learning, and only contains sounds and words that the children have been taught so far. The second book will recap earlier learning and children should find this easier to read, which will help to develop their reading fluency. Children will continue to bring home a 'share together book' which we hope you can enjoy together as a family.

These books should come into school and back home each day to maximise reading opportunities. Your child will also bring home a word list to practise, and cards for each new phoneme that is taught. Adults in school will read with all children at least once a week. We ask that children read at home daily.

All reading should be recorded on the bookmarks which will be inside the children's reading books.

Contacting Us

If you need to talk to Mrs Briggs or Miss Hoyle please do not hesitate to send us an email.

Our class email address is reception@middletonparishce.rochdale.sch.uk

As we teach full time, it may take up to 5 days for us to reply. If you need to pass on a message in an emergency, please contact the school office.

If you need to update contact details, allergy/medical information etc, you can email the school office.

The school office email is office@middletonparishce.rochdale.sch.uk

Sometimes families need a little extra support with things such as housing, employment, emotional well-being and parenting. Our Engagement and Inclusion team are here to help, including signposting families to services outside of school. Should you need it, the team's email is

Eandl@middletonparishce.rochdale.sch.uk

Class Clinic

Class Clinic will take place this half term, on 22nd March.

Further information will follow.

P.E and Forest School

P.E and Forest School is on a Tuesday for all Reception children. Children should wear their PE uniform every Tuesday and have their wellies in school ready to use.

PSHE

Our HeartSmart topic this half term is 'Don't rub it in, rub it out.' In this topic we will be thinking about how to be a good friend and include others. We will think about how our words affect others and the impact of giving compliments on how we feel about ourselves.



Religious Education

Our RE Topics this half term are 'Stories Jesus Told' and 'Easter.' We will explore four parables found in the Bible and discuss what we can learn from these, before learning about the Easter story.



Maths

In maths this half term, we will be exploring the composition of numbers to 10, representing these quantities in different ways.

We will explore the number bonds to 10, learning about pairs of numbers that add together to make 10.

We will also look at 3D shapes, naming them and describing their properties.

Finally, we will look at patterns, continuing and making our own repeating patterns.

