

Reception Newsletter Summer 2023

Welcome to the summer term. The children have lots of fun activities ahead this term, including the Kings Coronation and sports day. We will begin to work on our transition to Year 1 over this term and ensure the children are well prepared for their next phase of learning in KS1.



R.E

Our next unit of learning will be 'Pentecost' and we will be sharing our good news in class. The children will begin to understand what good news is and understand that friends of Jesus received good news at Easter. We will discuss the Holy Spirit and use the elements of air and wind to help them understand and explore this concept. The children will then begin to understand the celebration of the 'birthday of the church' and how Jesus delivered his promise of a new friend.



Understanding the World

This term has us exploring the local area where we live and our country. We will learn about the Royal family and London landmarks as we prepare for the King's Coronation celebrations.

We will end the term with a theme of under the sea, mermaids, pirates and sea creatures. This theme will be a lovely mix of fact and fiction for the children to end their year in Reception.



Dates to remember

Tuesday is Reception PE day. Please send your child to school in their PE kit and trainers. The children are encouraged to wear a plain navy tracksuit over their kit to keep them warm during our colder months. Please ensure all kit is named.

The children will continue to attend Mass. The planned dates for EYFS and KS1 Mass will be sent out via MyEd. Please join us if you are able.

Reading & Writing

The children will continue their Sounds Write phonics journey participating in daily phonics lesson, building words and manipulating sounds.

They are now beginning to explore, recognise and apply two letters that make one sound, the same sound but different spellings and consolidate the initial code they have been working with.

The children will be completing Pobble activities regularly as well as daily phonics lessons and additional practise with reading and writing where required.



Can you help?

In Early Years we are always grateful for any resources you are able to donate to us. Below is a short list of suggested things you could help us with.



- Spoons
- Pasta
- Lentils
- Rice
- Flour
- Cardboard boxes
- Bottle lids
- Straws
- Pots & Pans
- Pegs
- Ribbon
- Golf Tees
- Jars
- CD's
- Baubles
- Beads



RSHE

Unit 1 – Religious Understanding introduces in a very simple way the concept of the Trinity, where God is three-in-one and each part loves the others and loves us. Children will come to understand that as we are made in the image of God, we are designed to love God and love one another in our wider communities too. Unit 2 – Living in the Wider World helps children to extend their understanding of communities from Unit 1, as they learn about the responsibilities they have to people, places and the planet now and increasingly as they get older.

Expressive Art and Design

The King's Coronation will be the first look at design for the term and will involve the children designing and creating their own t-shirt for the coronation party. They will then look at creating their own maps of London and local maps for the area they live as well as designing some coronations pants for the king to wear.

As we begin our Under the Sea theme we will begin to work on creating accessories for their imaginative play and experimenting with colour for their Rainbow fish creations. They will use the media of their choice based on the skill and knowledge they've acquired.



General Reminders

- Please ensure our child brings their book bag and books into school everyday. Reading for pleasure books will continue to be changed on a Wednesday. School reading books should be brought into school everyday so staff in school can read with your child. Please continue to record all home reading in their reading record.
- Please remember to label all of your child's clothing and belongings including blazers, shoes, coats, cardigans, jumpers ties and PE clothing.
- We ask that your child always brings a coat into school to enable them to access out outdoor area in all weathers. They can also bring wellies to leave in our cloakroom should you wish.
- Please ensure that school has two up to date contact numbers so we are able to make contact with you should we need to for any reason.

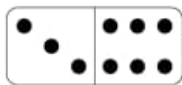
Mathematics

The children will begin the term by extending their number confidence with numbers to 20.

this will include building the number and looking at its composition, ordering numbers and looking at the number patterns. They will look at adding more and taking away before moving on to looking at shape. Their shape work will have a focus on matching, rotating and manipulating shape.

We will then consolidate and stretch their thinking around doubling, sharing and grouping quantities, as well as developing knowledge around odd and even numbers.

We will then spend some time consolidating their learning and developing their activities in preparation for work in year 1.

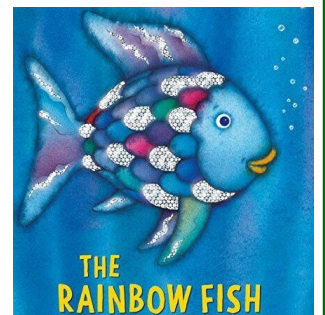


Communication, Language and Literacy

Reception have really enjoyed all their research across the Little People Big Dreams books and we continue to refer to these regularly.

The children will be working on texts linking to the Royal family and London such as The Queen's Hat and The King's Pants. They are also using some Non-Fiction books to learn more information and explore their interests.

As we move further into the term we will be looking at some familiar texts to support our writing such as The Rainbow Fish, Sharing a Shell and Tiddler.



We look forward to an exciting term ahead, with lots of new experiences still to come. Please feel free to contact us if you have any concerns, would like any help or have any questions. Thank you for your support, Mrs Symington & Mrs Kinder.