



RECEPTION CURRICLUM LETTER

Spring 2 2024

Reception Staff

We have two classes in our reception. Mrs Hatton and Mrs Tracey are the class teachers and our amazing support assistants are Mrs Cornall and Mrs Patel.

Junior Jam will be covering the classes in the absence of the class teacher

If you need to speak to us, please see us before or after school or ring the school office to make an appointment.

We hope that these letters will keep you informed of all that is happening in Reception. We hope you will use the information to support your child with their learning.

THEME

Our current topic this half term is called 'Animal Crackers'.

Each week we will be exploring a different story and using it as a basis for much of the learning within the 7 areas.

Week 1 – 'Supermarket Zoo'

Week 2 – 'What the Ladybird Heard'

Week 3 – 'Rainbow Fish'

Week 4 – 'Penguin'

Week 5 – 'Pets'

Week 6 – 'Non-fiction Mother's and Babies'

This is what we are focusing on in the 7 areas of learning over the next half term

Communication and Language

We will be looking at lots of new and exciting stories throughout the topic and reading both fiction and non-fiction books, we will continue to encourage children to articulate their ideas and thoughts in well-formed sentences. We will describe events in some detail by using talk to help work out problems and organise thinking. Children will explain how things work and why they might happen.



Personal, social and emotional development

This half-term we will be focussing on being healthy. We will learn why exercise is important, which foods are healthy and how much of each food we should eat. We will look at a good bedtime routine and understand why sleep is important. We will learn about what good hygiene is and that we should regularly brush our teeth. We will also explore road safety and how we can stay safe when crossing the road.

Physical development



PE sessions will be on a Wednesday. Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit on the day. All earring and jewellery will need to be taken out. We will be concentrating on developing our dance skills this half term. We will be further developing and refining a range of ball skills including throwing, catching, kicking, passing, batting, and aiming during our outdoor provision.

Literacy

In Literacy we will use books based on an animal theme to develop our comprehension skills and build our familiarity of texts. We will discuss characters and setting within books and use this as a basis for our writing.

Children will continue with their daily phonic sessions focussing on learning individual letter sounds, blending them together to read short words and phrases and then using them to write sentences.

Phonics

Mathematics

This half term we will be looking at numbers up to 10. We will be learning how to double numbers up to 8, how to recognise numbers 9 and 10 and how to compare amounts. We will also at length, height and time and how to measure practically. We will also begin to learn number bonds to 10 and know what 1 more and 1 less is of a number up to 10. We will revisit odd and even numbers and learn 3D shape names and practise repeated patterns.

Understanding the world

We will learn about different zoo animals and their habitats. We will look at how animals move and group animals in different ways. We will look at farm animals and the life cycle of a chick. We will also look at mother and baby animals. We will learn about animals that live under the sea and how we can keep our oceans clean. We will also explore cold climates and learn about animals that live there. We will learn about pets and their needs and how we can take care of them.



Expressive arts and design

We will be using our creative skills to create animal masks using a range of collage materials. We will create our own 3D animal models and draw and paint a range of different animals using closed shapes and a range of mark making materials. We will also use junk modelling to create animal homes thinking about how to join materials.

READING

The children are now well under way with Phonics and will be bringing home two reading books. One will be a book that matches their current phonic sound they are learning in school and the other book will be their phonetically decodable story book. Books will be changed each Friday. Please read with your child daily. It doesn't need to be the whole book 5 to 10 minutes is sufficient. Please sign the reading diary, this lets the teacher know they have been heard at home. We encourage children to read and reread books to become fluent. Parents who support their child with reading at home make more accelerated progress at school. **Ensure reading books are kept in your child's red reading bags,** so we can listen to them read in class daily.

There will be a charge of £10.00 for any lost or damaged reading books.

