



RECEPTION CURRICULUM LETTER

Spring 1 2022

Reception Staff

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

Mrs Rawat 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 these to support your child with their learning.

THEME

Our current topic this half term is called 'If you go down in the woods..'

We will be looking at different fiction and non-fiction book about bears.

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 – Goldilocks and the Three Bears

Week 2 – Where's my Teddy?

Week 3 – Non-fiction books about bears

Week 4 – Whatever Next

Week 5 – Paddington Bear

Week 6 – This is the bear and the Scary Night

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 teach the children how to connect one idea or action to another using a range of connectives. We will continue to follow stories without pictures and props and children will be encouraged to answer 'how' and 'why' questions. We will also be encouraging the children to become familiar with stories by listening to them repeatedly and using them in their play.



Personal, social and emotional development

This half-term we will be focussing on 'goal.' We will learn how to set ourselves a goal and what we need to do to achieve them. We will talk about what perseverance is and how if we don't succeed the first time we need to try a different way to achieve our goals.



Physical development



PE sessions will be on Thursday's. 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 strength, balance and coordination. We will be further developing and refining a range of ball skills including throwing, catching, kicking, passing, batting, and aiming.

Literacy

In Literacy we will use the books based on bears 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 1-10. We will continue to use 'Numberblocks' to aid our learning. Children will look at the composition of numbers to 10, comparing the numbers by saying which is more and less. The children will investigate what happens when two numbers are combined. We will also begin to look at doubling and what this means.

Understanding the world



We will explore the different environments the stories we are reading are set in and how they compare to the environment in which the children live in. We will investigate the different habitats bears live in and what they need to survive. Children will be given opportunities to compare the characters in the books we read including old and new bears. The children will be able to use a simple map to draw information from.

Expressive arts and design

We will be using our creative skills to make observational drawing of bears. We will use different art mediums such as charcoal, and pastels to create different textures. We will encourage the children to return to and build on their previous learning, refining ideas and developing their ability to represent them.

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 with reading them. 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 £5.00 for any lost or damaged reading books.

