



# RECEPTION CURRICULUM LETTER

Spring 2 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 Gornall 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 theme this half term is called 'Animal Crackers.' We will be focussing on where different animals live, what they need to survive and the similarities and differences between them. We will also learn about mythical animals and create some of our own.

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 - Rumble in the Jungle/Animal Boogie

Week 2 - My Perfect Pet /I Want a Pet

Week 3 - What the ladybird heard/ Farmer Duck

Week 4 - Pig in the Pond/Mrs Wishy Washy's Farm

Week 5 - Mythical Creatures- Dragons, Unicorns, Mermaids

Week 6 - Monkey Puzzle /Animals and their 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 both fiction and non-fiction books. We will be encouraging children to speak in full sentences and think about what they want to say about the topic. We will also be generating questions we would like to ask the workers at the farm about the animals we will be seeing. To do this we will:

- Make relevant comments about what we hear
- Listen and respond to ideas expressed by others in conversation or discussion
- Answer 'how' and 'why' questions
- Make connections between events and ideas when talking
- Use talk to organise, sequence and clarify thinking, ideas and feelings



## Personal, social and emotional development



This half-term we will be focussing on 'Healthy Me.' We will learn why it is important to exercise and what happens to our bodies when we do. We will look at what food is healthy for our bodies and why and how we can make healthy choices. We will learn about good oral hygiene and will learn what a good bedtime routine is. Children will learn about how sleep is important for us to grow and stay healthy.

## Physical development

PE sessions will be on Monday's. Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit on the day. All earrings and jewellery will need to be removed. We will be concentrating on manipulation and coordination. We will be working with others to control objects in a space and build on our ball skills, hopping, jumping and skipping.

## Literacy

In Literacy we will use the books based on animals to develop the children's knowledge of different animals and their environments. We will recall stories and use this knowledge to help us sequence stories. We will describe characters from the stories and name and label different animals. We will also look at mythical creatures from fiction stories. 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.



## Mathematics



This half term we will be looking at numbers to 10. We will be thinking about comparing numbers and looking at how we can use composition to make number bonds to 10. We will learn about height and length and learning new vocabulary related to time. The children will explore 3D shapes and look at what 2D shapes they can find within these. We will also look at repeating patterns and the children will use objects to create their own.

## Understanding the world

We will explore the different environments animals live in and compare these to each other, to the environment in which the children live in. We will look at what animals need to survive how they adapt to their environments and what we can do to look after them. We will look at key vocabulary for animal baby names and match adult babies to their young. We will think about our own pets and how to care for different types of pets.

## Expressive arts and design

We will be using our creative skills to make observational drawing of animals using continuous lines and shapes. We will use different collage materials to look at animal textures and design and make 3D models of mythical creatures from clay. 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 will be running the 'Golden Ticket' reading challenge again this term, each time a child has read 10 times at home they will receive a 'Golden Ticket' for the prize draw.

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.



Please ensure reading books are kept in your child's red reading bags to avoid them becoming damaged. There will be a charge of £5.00 for any lost or damaged reading books.