



RECEPTION CURRICLUM LETTER

Summer 1 2022

Reception Staff

We have two classes in our reception. Mrs Shaikh's class are currently being taught by Miss Welfare. Mrs Hatton is teaching her class as usual. We also have our amazing support assistants, Mrs Cornall and Miss Patel and Mrs Patel.

Mrs Rawat will also be teaching in both classes.

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 'Once Upon a Time' We will be looking at different Traditional Tales with a variety of characters and settings.

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- The Ugly Duckling
- Week 2- Jack and The Beanstalk
- Week 3- The Little Red Hen
- Week 4 - Cinderella
- Week 5- The Three Billy Goats Gruff
- Week 6 - Aladdin

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 ask children to describe events in some detail and use talk to help work out problems and organise thinking and activities. Children will listen to and talk about stories to build familiarity and understanding.



Personal, social and emotional development

This half-term we will be focussing on 'Kid Safe.' We will learn about keeping safe, building trust and how we can control our feelings. We will think about what to do when we are sad, worried and scared. We will learn how to get on with others and what to do when we fall out with our friends. We will know who trusted grownups are and who we can speak to if we have a problem. We will learn along with 'KS' our monkey puppet!



Physical development

PE sessions will be on **Thursdays** this half term. 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 building and refining our dance skills with Mrs Howard.

Literacy

In Literacy we will read a range of traditional tales and learn about different characters and settings. We will recall stories and use this knowledge to help us sequence stories. We will describe characters from the stories and think about which environments the stories are set in. 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 using capital letters, full stops and finger spaces.



Mathematics

This half term we will be looking at numbers beyond 10. We look at counting patterns and focus on numbers from 11 to 20. We look at spatial reasoning and how to rotate shape in different ways. We will look at adding and taking away using practical objects to help us visualise the total.



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 look at how to care for plants and grow our own bean plants. We will also plant a range of seeds in our garden area and make observations of how they change and grow. We will look at the ingredients needed to bake our own bread and how materials change when heat is added.

Expressive arts and design

We will be using our creative skills to create collages of characters from traditional tales. We will use junk modelling materials to create our own castles. We will explore a range of materials to create Cinderella's wand and Aladdin's magic carpet refining and developing our skills. We will explore different instruments and create sound effects to represent characters and places in stories.

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 re-read books to become fluent with reading them. Children who are supported 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.

