



RECEPTION CURRICULUM LETTER

Summer 1 2025

Staff:

We have two classes in Reception; Mrs Tracey and Mrs Hatton are the class teachers with our amazing Learning Support Assistants, Mrs Gornall, Mrs Hoole and Mrs Slater.

Junior Jam will be covering the classes when the class teachers are undertaking their PPA¹ time.

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

Key information:

P.E – This half-term PE will take place on **Wednesdays**; children will need their PE kit in school on these days to get changed into. Please send your child in their school shoes, not their PE pumps/trainers. Please make sure all PE kits are labelled with your child's name, as well as every item of their uniform. Also, **please ensure earrings are not worn on these days** otherwise your child will not be allowed to take part in the lesson.

Water bottles – Please send a small clear water bottle into school. These will be sent home on a Friday to be washed and refilled. They **must** only be filled with water; juice and flavoured water are not allowed.

Glasses – If your child wears glasses please make sure they bring them to school every day.

Inhalers & Medication – If your child requires an inhaler please make sure they have one in school that is in date and clearly labelled with their name.

Home time – If your child is being picked up by someone who isn't a nominated adult, please let us know in advance by ringing the office as we will not allow children to go home with unfamiliar adults.

¹ Planning, Preparation & Assessment



Theme: Our current topic this half term is called 'Once Upon a Time'. 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- The Squirrels who squabbled.

Week 3- The Gruffalo

Week 4 – Can't you sleep Little Bear

Week 5 – Hibernation/non-fiction books.

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 our next Happy Minds topic 'Relate'. We will be focusing on friendship and what qualities we need to be a good friend. We will learn why it is good to listen to others and how we can solve conflicts and get on with each other. We will then move on to 'Kidsafe.' 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.



Physical development



PE sessions will be on Wednesdays. Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit on the day. All earrings and jewellery will need to be taken out before coming to school. 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 and hopping, jumping and skipping. We will also be working on our fundamental skills including types of rolls, balancing and moving in different ways.

Literacy

In Literacy we will read a range of stories about the woods 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 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

Phonics

Mathematics

This half term we will be looking at numbers beyond 10. We will look at counting patterns and focus on numbers from 11 to 20. We look at spatial reasoning and how to rotate shapes in different ways. We will look at adding and taking away using practical objects to help us visualise the total. We will explore sharing and grouping and begin to have an understanding of odd and even numbers.





Understanding the world

This half term we will be looking at how properties of materials change when a liquid is added. We will look at maps of our local area and the journey we take to school. Children will look at the seasons of the year and the names of different trees and leaves. We will look at different types of bears, identify where they live on a world map and look at the climates they live in. We will learn about woodland animals and find out what hibernation is.

Expressive arts and design

We will be using our creative skills to create collages of characters from the stories we read. We will create our own collaged story characters and use junk modelling materials to create the "Three bears' cottage". We will create leaf rubbings and use leaves to print. We will use clay to create our own woodland animal models and make observational drawings of different trees.



Toilet Training



Please ensure that your child is toilet trained. If you are struggling with this, please come and speak to a member of our staff. **All** children should now be out of nappies unless they have a specific, diagnosed need.

READING

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.



**PLEASE BE AWARE THAT WE DO NOT ALLOW NUTS IN PACKED LUNCHES
AS WE HAVE SEVERAL CHILDREN WITH SEVERE NUT ALLERGIES.**