



What are we learning about in Reception this term?



This half term our learning will be based around 'Chinese New Year' followed by 'Out and About'. We will be exploring the traditions people have in China and will go on a pretend trip to China, in an 'aeroplane'. We will be exploring the immediate environment in Alcester, learning about the features and following simple maps.

Next half term our learning will be based around 'Healthy Me', followed by 'Lifecycles' and onto 'Easter' for the last week. We will be exploring how we keep ourselves healthy and fit. We will be looking at different foods and exercises to promote healthy living. Children will explore a range of different creature's life cycles and will experience real life situations. We will be looking closely at the Easter Story and will talk about why we celebrate Easter.

Key Dates

Trip to China - 16th January
Church Visit - 3rd February
Local Walk & Litter Pick - 9th February
World Book Day - 5th March
Stay and Play - 16th March

Class Routines

PPA kit on Monday (Forest School) and Wednesday (Swimming)

Volunteers

Over the next few weeks we will be going on 2 local trips around Alcester, please see the dates above. If you are available to help with volunteering and supporting the children please send a message on Studybugs.

Literacy

As readers, we will be;

- Listening attentively to and discussing a selection of stories and information books about The Great Race, being outdoors, healthy eating and lifecycles- discussing views and ideas about what has been heard.
- Using 'Letters and Sounds' to learn the letter sounds, names and actions.
- Recognising rhyming words inside stories and to continue a rhyming string.
- Segmenting and blending sounds in sequence.

As writers, we will be;

- Writing describing words.
- Sequencing stories we have heard.
- Applying our knowledge to write information sentences.

Mathematics

As mathematicians we will be;

- Composition up to 8. Understanding that numbers up to 8 are made of smaller parts (e.g. 5 is made of 2 and 3)
- Learning our number bonds to 5
- Comparing objects by length and height.
- Doubles to 5
- Looking at numbers closely EG odd and even
- Learning and using the vocabulary 'greater than' and 'fewer than'.

Understanding of the World

- As scientists we will be looking at ways to look after the natural world and will be describing the features of plants and animals.
- As geographers, we will explore the immediate features of Alcester.
- As historians, we will be talking about other people's customs and traditions from the past and explain why they are important to them.
- As spiritual thinkers, we will be talking about stories that are special to us, to Christians and to Muslims.

Expressive Arts and Design

- As musicians, we will experiment with different music and will discuss how it makes us feel.
- As artists, we will be exploring a range of techniques when creating art pieces and will use a range of materials.
- As designers, we will be learning to use materials to create structures.
- As dancers we will be learning to create sequences of movement.

Physical Development

- Fine motor- We will be learning to form our letters correctly.
- Gross motor- We will be showing good control with throwing, catching and kicking.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- We will understand the importance of persevering and why doing so will give us power to succeed.
- We will be learning about what it means to be healthy and why it is important.