

Physical Development ...

We will have lots of opportunities to develop and strengthen our gross and fine motor skills. Every week we will take part in Funky Finger activities, dough gym, cutting and tracing activities. We will use mark-making equipment and talk about what we have written and drawn. There is a range of large equipment that we will learn to use safely and carefully, developing and strengthening our gross motor skills.

Home Learning ...

'Help at Home' work book - short tasks will be set each week. Pick-and-Mix homework tasks - this is a selection of topic-related activities for the half term. Select which ones you would like to try, at a time that suits you.

Chatter bags will be sent home at different times throughout the term for children to fill with memories of adventures or experiences they would like to share with the class.

Reading – children will be bringing home word cards and books to practise with at home. Daily practice is best but try at least 4 times a week.

Key Events

Events this term are: An 'Afternoon Tea' on Tuesday 10th October 2.15pm to talk about how you can support your child at home with reading and phonics. You are also invited to a special Welcome to Reception Liturgy on 3rd October at 9am.

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R.E...

We will learn that we are unique and special and God loves us all. As part of God's family, we will learn about caring for and loving (looking after) all God's people.

As expressive artists and designers...

We will learn to colour mix and talk about patterns. We will look closely at ourselves in the mirror and create self-portraits. Using a range of different materials, we will create the Three Bears cottage and bridges for the Three Billy Goats Gruff. In the role-play area we will be learning to talk to others to develop story lines and use story vocabulary. We will also be dancing to music in order to express ourselves.

PE...

In our PE we spend a lot of time developing a sense of space and exploring movements in different ways.

It is important that children arrive to school in their **PE kit** (t-shirt, shorts/joggers and warm top and trainers).

Remember that there should be no earrings worn on PE days. Please check your child's name is visible in all items of clothing.

P.E for both classes is Wednesday.

Outdoor provision plays an important part of the Reception curriculum. It would be of great benefit to your child to have a **pair of wellies** and a **waterproof jacket** or **puddle suit** that they can leave in school.

As readers and writers...

A key focus at the start of Reception will be learning to recognise and write our own names, using the correct letter formation. We will learn how to handle books correctly distinguishing between words and pictures. Phonics will play an important part of our daily routine, helping us to learn the sounds and names of letters and building the early foundations of reading and spelling. We will have lots of opportunities to read with a grown-up and tell stories in our own words.

As speakers...

Throughout the day we will share and start to talk about different stories. We will use and develop our language in play and to communicate with one another and adults. We will role-play the stories of Goldilocks and the Three Bears and The Three Billy Goats Gruff. Time will be made for us to listen to each other talk about experiences from home with an emphasis on taking it in turns and showing good listening skills.


As Mathematicians

Our focus for this half term will begin with matching, sorting and comparing amounts. Alongside this we will be counting accurately to 10 and using numbers as labels. We will focus on representations of small numbers and their composition. We will recognise simple 2D shapes, naming, describing and matching.

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As investigators...

There will be opportunities for us to talk about our home life and who we live with which will help us get to know each other. We will think about what makes us special and unique. We will explore our 5 senses. We will explore our new school environment, learning where everything is and drawing simple maps. We will observe and talk about the changes in the weather and seasons, exploring the natural materials we find in Autumn time. We will also be exploring technology around us so that we can recognise digital devices (laptop, till, camera and telephones).

As a class member...

An important part of Reception life will be learning our new routines; we will spend time each day talking about this. We will learn how important it is to follow instructions so that our classroom is a happy and safe learning environment. For us to become independent learners, we will be taught how to access equipment and tidy away. Sharing and making new friends are key skill that we will work on and there will be lots of time to talk about how we are feeling.

How can you continue to support your child?

- Read a story together
- Ask your child to tell the story in their own words
- Learn and sing nursery rhymes and the Days of the Week
- Practise writing your child's name
- Practise writing numbers to ten
- Practise getting dressed and fastening coats independently
- Talk about school and other everyday events with your child. What have they done today? What have they seen/ What have they played with?