



Reception Spring Term

Welcome back

Welcome back after the Christmas break. We hope that you all had an enjoyable holiday! We begin the Spring term 1 by learning about 'People who help us'. We then move to a new focus of 'Dinosaurs'! We will use this as a basis for planning the different areas of the curriculum. Our Dinosaur work will include storytelling, model making and critical thinking. In Spring term 2, we will focus on animals around the world linked to the Jungle Book. Also, we will be learning about celebrations that include Chinese New Year, Pancake Day and Easter. Our learning takes place though a mix of adult led and child initiated sessions indoors and outdoors. The children guide our learning wherever possible.

Literacy

The children will build upon their Read Write Inc (RWI) sounds and continue learning new sounds as well as being introduced to new Common Exception Words.

The children will continue to consolidate their learning from Phonics into their Literacy work by developing their writing skills through practising letter formation, word building and beginning to write sentences. The children will continue to be supported in their reading through whole class story time, shared and individual reading.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Through all areas of the curriculum, children will develop their skills surrounding making relationships, self-confidence and awareness and managing their feelings and behaviour. We will use stories and Circle Time to explore our thoughts, feelings and emotions.

Mathematics

As budding mathematicians in Reception the children will continue practising counting in sequence to 20 and beyond. They will recognise 1 more and 1 less of a given number and will recognise numbers in their written form. They will also find the total of two groups through adding and begin to take away by subtracting. Much of our mathematical work will be practical, using apparatus such as cubes and small toys. The children will also learn about 3D shapes and will make comparisons between different measures.

Communication and Language

Across the curriculum, children will develop their speaking, listening and attention and understanding skills. They will listen attentively to stories, learn to follow instructions accurately and will learn to express themselves appropriately.

Physical Development

Children receive a taught session of PE and dance/gymnastics each week and have daily access to our outdoor classroom, allowing their gross and fine motor skills to be refined. The children will also improve their fine motor skills by taking part in fine motor activities skills such as cutting, and pencil control.

Understanding the World

Through all areas of the curriculum, especially topic, children will develop their knowledge of People and Communities, The World and Technology. They will enjoy relating their own knowledge and experiences related to their topic work about people who help us, dinosaurs, Chinese New Year, Pancake Day, Jungle Book and Easter.

Homework

Children will continue to receive daily RWI homework that will share the sounds being learnt in school. Literacy and maths homework linked to the learning in school, will be sent each Friday. Home learning, projects will be given to develop your child's knowledge and understanding about the topics this term..

Expressive Arts and Design

Through all areas of the curriculum children will develop their skills by exploring and using different media and materials and by being imaginative. RE will be taught through all of our areas, especially PSED and Understanding the World.