

Spring Term Reception Curriculum



Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas holiday. We are covering lots of exciting topics this term, and I am looking forward to helping each child build on their successes from Term One. Below is an outline of the curriculum for the Spring Term.

The Prime Areas of Learning:			
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Communication and Language	Physical Development	
The Specific Areas of Learning:			
Literacy	Maths	Understanding the World	Expressive Art and Design

Communication and Language: We will continue to focus on developing the children's speaking and listening skills this term. We will have opportunities for Show and Tell and will include lots of drama and role-play in relation to the stories we read. Please look out for Show and Tell letters in their Book Bags! Building children's vocabulary is also a focus this term.

Physical Development: We will help children develop their gross and fine motor skills, including cutting skills. We have P.E on Mondays with Mr James and children are encouraged to use our outdoor area. There will be a focus on pencil control, and a 'finger gym' to further develop fine motor skills.

Literacy: Children will continue to practise letter formation and pencil grip. During our winter theme, children will be writing acrostic poems and descriptions about animals in the Arctic and Antarctic. We will also be retelling the story of 'The Gingerbread Man'. There are lots of opportunities for child-initiated reading and writing in role-play areas. Children also vote for a storybook daily at our 'Democracy station'!

Phonics: Children have daily Phonics sessions to help them progress in reading and writing. We follow the Letters and Sounds Phonics Scheme. Most children are finishing Phase 2 and will be moving onto Phase 3. This is where children learn digraphs and trigraphs, or as we call them, 'special friends'. Examples of special friends are 'ch' in church or 'igh' in night. At home please practise these sounds and encourage children to be a 'phonics detective' and look for special friends when reading. Children will also write simple phonetically decodable words applying their knowledge of single sounds and special friends. We will continue to read and write some tricky words; these words don't follow the phonics 'rules' so have to be learnt off by heart.

Maths: We will be learning about 2D and 3D shapes. We will also be counting forwards and backwards to 20. Children will build on their knowledge of addition and subtraction and will write simple number sentences. To help understand numbers, children follow the order of: using objects, then using pictures and finally looking at the abstract concepts. We will also be learning about money and beginning to look at the concept of time.

Understanding the world: We will continue to learn about the four seasons, with a focus on winter this half term. We will be experimenting with ice, learning about animals in winter and animals in different climates including the Arctic and Antarctica. Children will use a range of technology including, Mac computers, iPads and basic coding games.

Art and Design: We will experiment with colour, design, and different mediums for creating art. We will make winter collages, design snow globes and make our own masterpieces during Choosing Time! Children will have opportunities to be imaginative, including making music, dances to 'The Snowman' soundtrack and being Polar explorers in the role-play area.

RE: We follow the 'Come and See' curriculum. Our topics this term are 'Local Church', 'Eucharist' and 'Lent/Easter'. The other religion we will be learning about this term is Islam. We also celebrate the Word on Wednesday every Wednesday in a variety of ways including collective worship.

Spanish: We will learn seasons, weather and fruits through songs and games.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
- PE. Please make sure all P.E. kit is named. -Book changing day! All books are changed. Two levelled reading books are given out and one library book. Please sign their yellow Reading Record once they have been read. - Home Learning to be handed in.	- Music with Miss Dyer.	- Word on Wednesday. Children celebrate the upcoming Sunday's Gospel at school and the Word on Wednesday newsletter is given out to also be enjoyed at home.	- New Home Learning given out.	

Your continued support at home is invaluable in helping your child to progress this year. I often put messages on Class Dojo so please keep a look out. Please don't hesitate in contacting me if you have any questions regarding the curriculum or any other matter. My priority is to make sure all the children feel happy and confident in Reception!

Many thanks