

Reception Newsletter

Summer 2

TOPIC: We're Going on a Journey

Welcome back to the final half term of the school year. We can't believe that our reception journey is coming to an end soon! During this last half term, the children will have some transition activities planned so that they become used to Year 1 and all that it has to offer.

Our new topic for this half term is 'We're Going on a Journey' where we will begin to explore our new focus text Mr Gumpy's Outing, written by John Burningham. In Literacy, children will be developing their writing further by writing at greater length. We will also be developing our literacy skills to write imaginatively.

Literacy

Children are getting more familiar with chunking, recognising when we should use this strategy to support our reading of larger words. We now want to see children using this strategy to support the spelling of more interesting vocabulary in their writing. We want to encourage and support children to remember to use a capital letter at the beginning of their sentences, finger spaces to separate words within their sentence and a full stop at the end.

To develop our reading skills, we will continue to do phonics every day. We are now working on the final phase of Reception, phase 4. In this phase of phonics, we begin to read words with four sounds, such as w-e-n-t and d-r-i-n-k. We will explore words that end in s as they can often be tricky to read (forgetting to add the s) like in the word taps.

Maths

In Maths it is time to consolidate our understanding of number. We will continue to consolidate our number knowledge to 20, recognising numerical patterns too. We will develop a deeper knowledge of numbers to 10 working on recalling number bonds to support with simple addition and subtraction. We will also be introducing the idea of sharing too which will consolidate our understanding of odd and even numbers.

Other curriculum areas

We will begin to use mathematical skills again to explore visualizing and mapping too through our expression arts and design sessions and we focus on building and constructing.

Through weekly Personal, Social and Emotional (PSED) sessions the children will explore 'Changing Me' which includes circle times discussing our bodies, respecting our bodies, and growing up.

As part of our R.E we will be looking at the special places and begin to explore places of worship.

As part of Understanding the World, we will be looking at transport from the past and making comparisons between now and then. We will be looking at going on a journey to different places which will include under the sea and to the moon.

P.E will continue to be every Friday morning. This half term we will be focussing on team relay races, as well as enjoying our sponsored scoot on Friday 12th June. You should all have had a letter to explain this occasion further.

Please make sure that your child comes to school prepared for PE on that day, wearing their PE kits (no jeans please). Long hair should be tied back, and no earrings are allowed to be worn.

Home Learning

Thank you to everyone who completes homework. The homework set will be on Tapestry each week. It will support what we are learning at school and so we would appreciate it if you could complete the work set if possible. Reading is a part of homework too. Children bring home a new reading book each week which matches their reading ability. Please share this book with your child as much as possible. Reading the same book with children more than once has proven to enhance children's reading skills, rather than reading a new book each time.

Please remember if your child does something at home to make you proud, please put it on an observation on Tapestry for us to see. We love to see what the children get up to when they are not at school, and we like to share this as a class for all children to see. It also helps us to build a bigger picture of what your children enjoy and can do for when we assess against the 17 Early Learning Goals.

We would appreciate your donations (if unwanted)

- Junk modelling resources e.g. boxes, cupcake cases, paper plates
- Small world figures – Superheroes in particular
- Craft/Writing resources
- Pots/pans/Utensils
- Wooden spoons

Dates for your diary:

- Friday 12th June – Sponsored Scoot – bring your scooter or bike to school that day.
- Wednesday 17th June – Early Years Father's Day Stay and play 9-10am in the classrooms.
- Friday 10th July – Pirate Day – children can come to school in Pirate costumes on that day.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak one of us. However please remember that our priority in a morning is to get the children into school safely and start their day. For this reason, it is more difficult to discuss things in a morning before school, but we are always happy to arrange another time to meet.

Thank you for your continued support. We are looking forward to one final half term of making more Reception memories.

The Reception Team ☺