



Reception Newsletter

Summer 1

TOPIC: FOOD GLORIOUS FOOD

Welcome back to the final term of the school year!

Our new topic for this half term is 'Food Glorious Food' where we will begin by exploring our new focus text 'Biscuit Bear', written by Mini Grey.

Literacy

Children will be developing their writing further, by writing with growing independence and at a greater length. We will consolidate story structure and introduce that a story will always have a beginning, a middle and an end.

Children are getting really good at chunking, where we break longer words into smaller chunks to support reading words with more than one syllable. We now want to see children using this strategy to support the spelling of more interesting vocabulary in their writing. We will be checking our writing to make sure that we are remembering to use a capital letter at the beginning of sentences, finger spaces to separate words within the sentence and a full stop at the end.

To develop our reading skills, we will continue to do phonics every day. Our Reading Practise sessions will continue to be on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday please ensure book bags are in school on these days. We will continue to visit the library on a Friday too so please ensure your library book is ready to change on that day.

Maths

Through our number focus, we will be spending time this half term looking composition; how numbers can be arranged and put together e.g. 3 and 3 or 2 and 4 to make 6. We will develop this understanding further as we explore adding on and taking away to practise answering the question of 'How many now?'. Please where possible consolidate this learning at home too.

Our shape, space and measure focus this half term will be linked to mass and capacity. Children will explore weight using a variety of manipulatives and will be encouraged to explain which items are heavy/light heaviest/lightest.





Other Curricular Areas

As part of our RE learning we will be learning many stories from Christian, Sikh and Islam faiths. Children will listen to them and then explore them using drama to re-enact scenes to convey important messages from within these teachings. On **Friday 24th April** we will be going on a trip to St Hilda's Church, a letter explaining this further will go out this week.

PE lessons will continue to be on a Friday. This half term we will be taking part in gymnastics. Please make sure your child comes to school in their P.E. kit on that day. Long hair should be tied and back and please remove any earrings and jewellery before the day. TRAINERS must be worn as per our risk assessment. Please note if your child has earrings in that are not covered, they **WILL NOT** be able to do PE.

The children in Reception have really developed a love of making things from junk this year. We are always appreciative of boxes and containers for this so please could we ask that you save your recycling items such as cereal boxes, kitchen roll tubes, bubble wrap materials, empty bottles, etc for our junk modelling station in the Creative Area.

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. Reading is a part of homework too. Children bring home a new reading book each week that matches their reading ability. They have read this in school with an adult already and should be reading it fluently by the time it is returned to school the following week. 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.

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 are assessing for end of year targets.

If you have any questions or worries, please do not hesitate to see one of us. Just a reminder that our priority in a morning is to get the children in safely and start their day so we cannot discuss things in a morning before school, but we can always arrange a time to see you at another time.

Thank you for your continued support. We are really excited for this Summer Term.

The Reception Team 😊

