

Reception Class Curriculum Newsletter



BRINGING YOU THE LATEST NEWS STRAIGHT FROM THE CLASSROOM



KEY DATES

End of term 3 –
Friday 11th
February

Start of term 4 –
Monday 21st
February

Parent-Teacher Conferences –
Thursday 17th and Tuesday 22nd
March

Literacy

This term, we will be focusing on traditional tales. Our focus text will be The Gingerbread Man. The children will be learning the story, and writing about it.

At this stage in the year, we expect children to be writing simple words independently (for example: bin, van, cat, ship). This term, we will be learning how to write simple sentences (for example: I am fun.)

After February half term, we will commence red word spelling tests. Red words are words that cannot be spelt using phonic sounds. We will send more information nearer the time.

Activities at home:

- Practise reading and writing red words (we will send them home)
- Continue to practise precursive writing.

Maths

This term, we will be focusing on the following topics:

- Measure: length, weight, size, capacity
- 2D shapes and 3D shapes
- Calendar and time
- Numbers and addition within 10

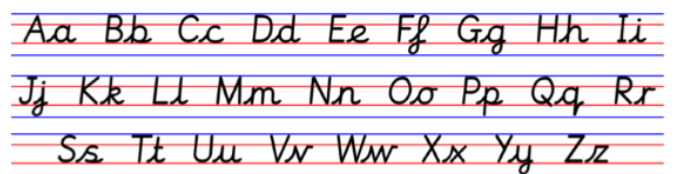
As part of our measure topic we are going to be learning about capacity, through exploring in our water tray. We are going to learn when a container is full, half full, half empty, nearly full, nearly empty and empty. At bath time, or when washing up, encourage your child to explore capacity with different containers, using our key vocabulary above.

Activities at home: We sing the days of the week song and the months of the year song each day. The children are becoming very confident at recognising what day it is today. We will be developing this to identify what day it was yesterday and day it will be tomorrow. Challenge your child by asking them those questions, as well as which month it is now and which month their birthday falls in.

Fine Motor Skills and Handwriting

In Reception, we teach the children to write in precursive style. This supports the transition to Year 1 where they are expected to join their letters.

We will continue to practise pencil control, and to improve fine motor skills. Please continue to support your child to write their name in precursive writing at home.



Activities at home: develop fine motor skills (finger muscles) through colouring within the lines; moulding play dough; threading beads; playing with Lego, and practising letter formation.

Reading

Thank you for all your support with reading at home. We change library books and levelled books every Wednesday. It is important that you ensure that your child's books are in their folder, so that they can be changed. Please continue to read with, and to, your child each day, and record this in your child's reading log.

Science & Geography

Science

We will be learning our bodies and how to be healthy. As part of this topic, we will learn about healthy and oral hygiene. We will learn how to brush our teeth independently.

Geography

This term, we will continue to learn about seasons. We will focus on winter, and learn about the changes that happen during this time of year. After, we will learn about the weather.

Art

This term, we are linking our art lessons to the focus topics of the week. For example, seasons, festivals and celebrations. We will continue to explore using different colours and materials to express creative ideas.

Music

This term, we will continue to develop our understanding of pitch, pulse and rhythm with fun games and exercises while also learning to sing songs of roughly Grade 1 difficulty.

PE

This term, we will be introducing gymnastics. We will be looking at travelling movements, climbing, jumping and landing. We will also be using the mats to work on our gross motor skills.

