

Reception Curriculum Overview



Communication and Language

We will continue to develop the children's listening and attention skills and increase their vocabulary through our short English lessons. We will focus our learning firstly around the topic of 'Community' where we will focus on our local area and people who make a difference in our community. Then we will learn around the book 'Biscuit Bear' by Mini Grey, which gives us many opportunities to write and explore through role play. Our learning will be carried throughout the classroom with related activities during continuous provision where the children learn through play.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will continue to spend time this half term on our **wellbeing**. We have a planned session each week to share a fun activity and take time to discuss our thoughts and feelings. The children have really enjoyed these sessions so far, which have included yoga, dancing, mindfulness, circle time talking sessions and stories. We will also be promoting children's self-confidence and self-awareness, through class discussions and activities, looking at how we can manage feelings and behaviour and supporting the children to continue to form positive relationship with peers.

Physical Development

Fine motor skills are an essential skill to develop in Reception to enable our children to write. Our 'Funky Finger's table is regularly update to invite children to complete fiddly tasks like threading and pinching their fingers to improve fine motor skills.

Outdoor play is encouraged during provision time where children can explore moving in a range of ways and gain control over objects such as balls, bats, Frisbees and much more.

We also have practical sessions with our sports coach each week to practise team games and different types of movements.

Literacy

We will continue working through the Read, Write, Inc program for our phonics lessons.

The children are making great progress and are developing skills which allow them to break down and read words and short sentences. These sessions also focus on letter formation and writing, giving children the skills they need to write phonetically.

Maths

We continue to have short group sessions which are always practical and involve lots of play. We have a maths area in the classroom where children can explore and develop their skills through a wide range of resources. We focus this half term on composition of numbers to 5, as well as learning skills that allow us to compare numbers, mass and sizes.

Expressive Arts and Design

Our creative area is a very popular space in the classroom, there are always activities set up but children also have the opportunity to make or design anything they wish in the spur of the moment. They may remember someone's birthday and want to make a card or decide they want to make a representation of a character from a book. We have junk modelling available as well as a large range of art and craft resources.

Understanding the World

This term we will be observing how the environment changes over time and is influenced by human activity. We will be describing different materials and their properties and uses and familiarising ourselves with some basic scientific concepts such as floating and sinking. We encourage discussions around past and present family events, our own likes, dislikes, beliefs and traditions. We will also find out about a range of everyday technology.

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Spring 1 Newsletter



Reminders

- Please ensure your child has a **spare set of clothes** in a bag in school, in case we need to change them. Please include **underwear and socks**.
- Please ensure your child has a pair of **wellies** that they can keep at school.
- Please make sure your child has a **water bottle** that they can keep in school.
- If your child has an **asthma inhaler**, please make sure we have one in school and that it is in date.
- Children must be in correct **school uniform** at all times. This includes appropriate footwear. **Please ensure all of your child's uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name.**

Class Dojo We continue to use 'Class Dojos' as a reward system. Teachers continuously encourage and reward positive behaviours by giving whole class and individual Dojo points. Each child works hard to earn dojos, ready for Dojo treat on a Friday. The child with the most dojos on Friday also chooses a prize from our special prize box!

Important Diary Dates Monday 4th January 2021 is an INSET day – no children in school on this day.

Home Learning Your child will receive a reading book on a Monday and this must be returned ONLY on a Thursday – this is to ensure that books are safely taken home/ returned to school, whilst reducing the risk of Covid-19 spread.

Teacher's Message

Welcome back to another half term and a New Year! Let's hope 2021 brings us all some much needed peace and happiness!

As we come into the spring term, the children are ready to really take off with their learning. They have been coming on leaps and bounds so far and we have been amazed at their enthusiasm to learn. This term we will be really pushing their reading and writing skills and would love it if parents could also promote this at home. Even if it's a game of I spy, sounding out the things you can spot to help with phonics. Also, please continue to read at home, both listening to them read and reading to the children is highly beneficial in building their reading skills.

Focus child and Target Tracker

We will continue with three focus children per class, per week to record extra observations for your child's learning file. Please look out for your child bringing a letter home to ask for photos of family experiences such as days out, trips to the park, pets, etc. We will also continue to upload observations onto Target Tracker so please ensure you have access to this – hopefully the previous problems have been resolved.



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