



Reception Curriculum Letter



Spring Term 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the Spring Term. We hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas time. We would like to start by congratulating all the children who completed their Christmas Bingo challenges over the holidays.

We are excited to welcome Mrs Rippon to our team who will now be teaching in Reception on Thursdays and Fridays.

Topics

The topics we plan to cover this term include; The New Year, Polar Regions, Chinese New Year, Spring, In the Garden and Easter. These are all flexible and can be adapted to meet the developing interests of the children.

Reading

Thank you so much to all of you for reading on a regular basis with your child, you will have noticed what a difference it makes. Please do remember to sign the reading record every time you read, to ensure that your child gets a new book when the books are changed on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Word lists will continue to be assessed and renewed on Mondays.

Phonics

We have started the term with Phase 2 phonics recap based on the sounds introduced last term. We will then move onto Phase 3. This phase is an exciting development in your child's literacy knowledge as they will begin to recognise and use 'digraphs' in words (a combination of two letters which represent one sound, for example th, ch and sh). Please continue to encourage frequent recognition and application of these sounds using the letter cards which are sent home on Fridays.

Maths

This term we will continue to build on the children's prior knowledge of numbers and explore many new mathematical concepts including; time, measures (capacity, weight and height), money and data collection methods.

Please continue to support your child's mathematical understanding at home by applying any of these concepts into your real life day to day experiences. For example, looking at the prices of food in the super market, encouraging them to handle money when paying for items. Maths is all around us, the language and meaningful experiences that young children are exposed to will strengthen their knowledge and understanding for the future.

Letter and Number Formation

We will be introducing a weekly handwriting session this term which will focus on different letter formation families. Please continue to practise accurate letter and number formation with your child at home. Encourage your child to form their letter and numbers correctly at all times so they can get into

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good habits. Initially, children find it easier to work on a large scale, for example, writing them with their finger in the air, on your back, or using water and paint brushes outside.

Weekly Activities

- Phonics and maths daily
- PE: Monday
- ICT: Monday
- Music: Thursday
- Cooking with Chef (every third Thursday)
- RE: Friday

Show and Tell

Now the children are settled in the class and growing in confidence we will no longer be having weekly individual 'Show and Tell' sessions. We will plan to have specific topic related sessions where the children will be invited to bring items in to share with the class. If, however your child has something incredibly special or would like to talk about a wonderful achievement please do not hesitate to bring these in to share.

Outdoors

Please ensure your child always has a warm hat and gloves in school as we will hope to be outside as much as possible throughout the term.

PE

For PE this term the children will need to come to school wearing black PE shorts under their tracksuits bottoms. Tracksuit bottoms will be removed before the indoor lesson. As PE will be taught inside we will not need outdoor trainers each week. We will keep plimsolls in school.

Tapestry

Well done and a big 'Thank You' to everyone who is now accessing their child's Tapestry account and supporting our understanding of your child's interests and experiences out of school. We look forward to continuing this precious record of their learning throughout the year.

Useful Dates

Parent 'Stay and Play' sessions (information to follow)

Tuesday 5th February Chinese New Year Day - Year of the Pig (more information to follow)

Wednesday 20th March - Reception Trip to Shortenills

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us to arrange a convenient time to meet.

Thank you for your continued support.



Mrs Mellor
Robin Class Teachers

Mrs Rippon

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