



Reception Curriculum Letter – Summer Term 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the Summer Term. We hope you all had an enjoyable Easter break.

Reception routines will stay the same this term but new topics will be explored to engage and inspire the children.

Morning drop off

Now we are in the Summer Term we would like to request that all Reception children are encouraged to say their 'good byes' at the classroom door and enter the classroom ready to manage their belongings independently. We appreciate you support us with this.

Staff

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Mrs Jefferys, our new Nursery Nurse, who will be working full time within Robin Class, supporting Nursery and Reception Children.

Ms Gale has joined us to cover Mrs Mellor's maternity leave. Ms Gale will work Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Mrs Rippon will continue her Thursdays and Fridays.

Nursery

Nursery is continuing to develop. This term we are welcoming a few new children and our new Nursery Nurse. Nursery children are very much a positive part of our school community and are enjoying getting used to their new environment.

Topics

The topics we plan to cover this term include Gardening, Dinosaurs, Under the Sea and Journeys. As always these are all flexible and can be adapted to meet the developing interests of the children.

Phonics

We have started the term with a recap of Phase 3 which we worked on last term. We will then move onto Phase 4. This phase is based on applying and using the children's knowledge of Phase 3 sounds. It develops word building, sight vocabulary and writing more complex words and sentences. Please continue to encourage frequent recognition and correct formation of all the single **and** double letter sounds we have introduced

Maths

This term we will continue to build on the children's knowledge of numbers and explore many new mathematical concepts including mastering using numbers up to 20 (and beyond for some children), recognising, ordering, recording, doubling and halving, addition, subtraction and ongoing number related problems.

Letter and Number Formation

Please continue to practise accurate letter and number formation with your child at home. Encouraging your child to form their letters and numbers correctly at all times will develop good

habits. The letter families handwriting sheet and phonics sound mats are a fantastic tool to remind the children of their letter formation.

Outdoors

We are hoping for a warm and dry summer term! Please ensure your child has their own named sun hat in school. We would recommend for sun cream to be applied before school however, the children may have their own named small bottle of sun cream to keep in their drawer should they need to apply any throughout the day. We would like to encourage the children to leave these items at school to avoid being caught out on a sunny day!

PE

Our Sport's Coach will be teaching Athletics in PE this term and preparing the children for their first school Sports Day. They will need to come to school wearing black PE shorts (under their tracksuits bottoms if the weather is cold). Athletics will be taught outside so the children may wear outdoor trainers or plimsolls.

Wellbeing afternoon

This half term Robin Class will rotate to a new activity, 'Connect and Keep Active' with Mrs Clifford. The focus of these sessions will be on physical activity and team work. If you would like to see some of the fun what Year 1 had last half term please look at the photographs under the 'Health and Wellbeing' section of our school website.

For the final half term Robin Class will move onto Forest School with Mrs Downie. Further details will be sent out closer to the time.

Resource requests

We are always grateful of donations of additional resources old and new! The following items are what we have noticed being in short supply;

- Creative area items (stickers, sequins, pom poms etc)
- Outdoor toys and games
- Small gardening tools and gloves
- Felt tip pens
- Note pads/diaries
- Children's comics/magazines
- Small junk modelling items and masking tape
- Balance bikes/ pedal bikes

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 and Mrs Rippon
Robin Class Teachers