



Reception Parents' Newsletter

Happy New Year. I hope you all had a restful and Holy time at home, the children have enjoyed sharing their Christmas experiences. This newsletter will give you more information about what is going on in the classroom and what the children will be learning.

Our topic for Spring One is 'Around the World' and in Spring Two is 'Amazing Animals', which will be taught through the Early Years Foundation Stage areas of learning: Religious Education, Communication and Language, Physical Development, Personal, Social and Emotional Development, Literacy, Mathematics, Understanding the World and Expressive Arts and Design. Below are just some of the many activities that the children will be doing this term. In some cases, the activities will be guided by the children's interests.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development:

Know their own feelings and how others feel.
Self hygiene & eating healthily
Animals and pets from around the world.
Chinese New Year
Shrove Tuesday
Manners
PHSE — Jigsaw
Class/school rules

Expressive Arts and Design:

Art linked to texts
Seasonal Crafts craft
Drawing emotions
Playdough
Clay modelling animals
Junk modelling rockets
Easter Cards
Chinese New Year decorations
Making/tasting pancakes

RE:

Christmas
Baptism
People who help us
The Church
Lent
Holy Week

We will be learning the following.

- Local Area
- The UK
- The world
- Weather and climates
- Space
- Chinese New Year
- Shrove Tuesday
- Animals around the world
- Arctic animals
- Farm animals
- Jungle and safari animals
- Mini-beasts

Communication & Literacy:

Fiction and Non-Fiction texts.
Learning new vocabulary, songs, rhymes, poems & stories
Stories from around the world
Sequencing stories
Phonics: CVC words, phase 2 phonics, writing captions.
Letter formation
Name writing—first and second name.
Use past, present and future tense correctly.



Music:

Exploring sounds using voices, body percussion and instruments.

Physical Development:

Music & Movement
Different ways of moving
Making: cards, food, paper mache, models, folding..
Developing fine & gross motor skills
Healthy eating/teeth
Write Dance
Dough Disco
Cutting skills
Mr Sigley PE
Pencil grip/ letter formation

Maths:

Count objects, actions and sounds to 20
Subitise numbers to 10
Number songs & rhymes
Matching, sorting and comparing
Comparing amounts
Number bonds to 10
Exploring pattern-repeating patterns
Number formation 0-20

Understanding the World:

Know where animals live—different habitats
Life cycles of animals.
Seasonal activities
Weather and climate
Map skills
Welly walks
Understand how things change—weather, animals, etc.
Nocturnal animals.

Weekly Timetable

Monday

- Gospel Assembly (whole school)
- P.E. (Mrs Buckley or Miss Delves)

Tuesday

- Key Stage Assembly

Wednesday

- P.E. (Mr Sigley)
- Homework books collected in

Thursday

- Music
- Mass

Friday

- Success Assembly (whole school)
- Homework books given out
- Library slot (Library books to be returned & swapped)

READING

Reading books and sound purses will be updated once a week.

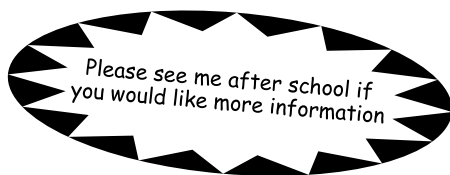


What can you do at home?

- It is so important to read with your child at home. We ask that you help your child with their reading book at least 4 times a week and sign their reading diary each time.
- Share the library books that we send home with your child. Read it to them and discuss the text; what happened, what they can see, make predictions about the next page, etc.
- Encourage your child to practice writing their name, forming letters (lowercase and capital), shopping lists, etc.
- Read books and visit the library together with your child to foster a love for reading.
- Support your child to count and recognise numbers in and around the environment.
- Practise counting a range of objects by 'touch counting' to at least 20.
- Complete the sound purse activities.

Staff in Reception

Mrs Buckley
Miss Delves
Mrs Bradley
Mrs Potts
Mrs Hogan



Daily Learning

Every day the children will...

Say their four daily prayers

Write their full name

Have a Power Maths lesson

Count to 20

Do their number bonds to 10

Have a phonics lesson

Recap the sounds previously learnt

Practise their tricky words

Listen to a story

Learn a new word

Dough disco

- All items of clothing to be labelled with children's names.
- No jewellery to be worn on PE days., including earrings. Full PE kit to be kept in school at all times (PE kits will be sent home half termly to be washed).
- All children in Reception are entitled to Universal Free School Meals, please encourage your child to try hot dinners. Please refer to the menu on the school website.
- Please don't bring your child with large bags that they cannot carry, children are expected to be independent in Reception and will be expected to carry and take care of their own personal belongings.
- Fruit, milk and water are provided throughout the day. £1 snack money to be paid at the beginning of the week..