



Reception Parents' Newsletter

I can't believe we are in the final term of Reception! We are looking forward to some really exciting 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 Summer One is 'Amazing Adventures' and in Summer Two is 'Under the Sea', 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. We will also be working hard to ensure the children are ready for the move to year one.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development:

Know their own feelings and how others feel.

Self hygiene & eating healthily

Easter

PHSE – Jigsaw

Class/school rules

Circle Time—talking out loud

Expressive Arts and Design:

Art linked to texts

Seasonal Crafts craft

Drawing emotions

Playdough

Pirate crafts

Making models to float

Junk modelling sea creatures

Paper plate jelly fish

Experiment with colour, texture and design.

RE:

Easter

Pentecost

Prayer

People who help us

Traditional Tales:

The Enormous Turnip

Little Red Riding Hood

Hansel and Gretel

Our weekly topic areas will be as follows:

- Easter
- Growing
- Traditional tales
- Pirates
- Dinosaurs
- Transport

Communication & Literacy:

Fiction and Non-Fiction texts.

Learning new vocabulary, songs, rhymes, poems & stories

Sequencing stories

Phonics: Phase 2 and 3 phonics, writing captions, lists and sentences

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, models, folding, cutting

Developing fine & gross motor skills

Healthy eating/teeth

Write Dance

Dough Disco

Cutting skills

PE

Pencil grip/ letter formation

- Fish
- Sharks
- Mermaids
- Oceans
- Seas and rivers

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:

Globes, maps and atlases.

Life cycles of a plant.

Planting and caring for a plant.

Floating and sinking.

Water and sun safety

Baking

Bee-bots

Animals that live under the sea.

Weekly Timetable

Monday

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

Tuesday

- Key Stage Assembly

Wednesday

- Homework books collected in

Thursday

- Music
- Mass

Friday

- Success Assembly (whole school)
- PE (Mrs Buckley or Miss Delves)
- 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 Wood
Miss Hogan



Daily Learning

Every day the children will...

Say their four daily prayers

Write their full name

Have a Power Maths lesson

Count to 30

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..