



# Reception Parents' Newsletter

Happy New Year. This newsletter will give you more information about what is going on in the classroom and what the children will be learning between January and April. We have learnt all the phase 2 sounds and are now learning phase 3 sounds, please ensure you are doing the sound purse regularly. Reading in reception is VERY important, they need to read the same book at least 4 times as this will help your child to become a good and confident reader.

Our topic for Spring One is **'Where I Live'** and in Spring Two is **'Around the World'**, 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 the important parts of our learning.

Our weekly topic areas will be as follows:

## Books we will learn through

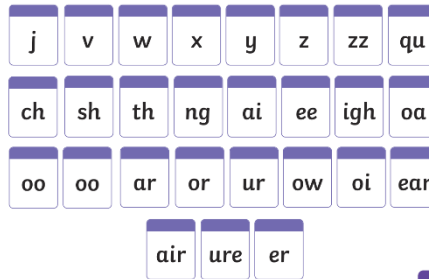
Martha Maps it out  
The Smeds and Smoos  
Roaring Rockets  
The Man on the Moon

Around the world in 80 Days  
Our World - Italy  
Handa's Surprise  
Diary of a wombat

## Reading

We will learning to read with confidence and fluency.

We will learn the following phase 3 sounds.



## Traditional Tale

Mr Wolf's Pancakes

## Writing

Writing simple words.

Writing simple sentences using the sounds we have learnt.

## Where I live

- Local Area
- The UK
- The World
- Space
- Chinese New Year

## Around the World

We will look where it is on a map. Traditions. Food. Animals.

- Italy
- Africa
- America
- Australia



## Maths:

Knowing all our numbers to 10.  
Comparing numbers - one more, one less.  
Measuring length, height, distance and weight  
Knowing which two numbers make 10.  
Subtraction  
Patterns



## Weekly Timetable

### Monday

-Whole School Celebration of the Word

### Tuesday

-Key Stage Celebration of the Word

### Wednesday

-Homework books collected in

-P.E. (Miss Delves)

### Thursday

-Music

-Mass

### Friday

-Whole school celebration of our gifts  
PE (Mrs Buckley)

-Homework books given out

-Library slot (Library books to be returned  
& swapped)

## READING

Reading books and sound purses will be updated once a week. Please ensure they are in your child's blue book bag every day.



## Helping at home

- Listen to your child read their reading book. We ask that you help your child with their reading book at least 4 times a week and sign their reading diary each time.
- Sound purse. Practice sounds and tricky words at least 3 times a week.
- 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.
- Practice counting a range of objects by 'touch counting' to at least 20.

## Staff in Reception

### Class teachers

Mrs Buckley

Miss Delves

### Teaching Assistants

Mrs Bradley

Mrs Gilbert-Spencer

Miss Hogan

## Evidence Me

Please ensure you have a log in for evidence me. Reasons why it is important.

- Staff will upload pictures of your child's learning.
- You can share your child's progress with staff.
- It helps us get you know your child better

Please see me after school if you would like more information

- Please label all items of clothes and shoes with your child's name; including hats and scarfs.
- 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.
- Fruit, milk and water are provided throughout the day. Please bring £1 snack money into school each week.

**Thank you**