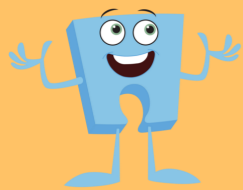


Spring Term in Reception

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Throughout this term, we will be continuing to build on positive relationships in school and our understanding of children's rights. We will also be looking at setting our own goals and at how we can stay healthy.



Understanding the World

For our Understanding the World focus, we will be going on 'Winter Walks', using our senses to explore Forest School and the changes that are occurring and investigating animals and where they live. Then we will go on to learn about the people who help to keep us safe in our local community.

A warm "WELCOME BACK" to all you all.

This is our first term and our topics are 'Forest and Woodlands' and 'People in our Community'.

Physical Development

This term, we will be exploring ways of moving and creating our very own dances. The children will continue to practise their fine motor skills throughout many activities during the day. As well as our own outdoor area and garden, we will have the chance to explore our forest school! Due to our English weather, children will need wellies available in school throughout the week.

Mathematics



In Maths, we will be investigating number by counting, matching numerals to quantities, and counting objects reliably. We will look at adding and subtracting and begin to look at sharing. In our shape, space and measure work, we will be building our knowledge about shapes and looking for them in the world around us. We will also be looking at measuring length, weight and capacity. As well as developing our understanding of spatial awareness.

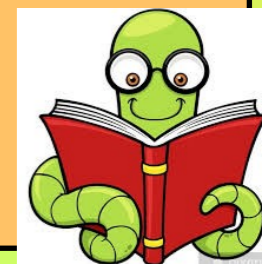
Expressive Arts and Design

This term we will be using a variety of media and materials to create art work, such as; collages, sketches, printing and computer designs. We will continue to explore how we can change colours and what happens when colours are mixed together, as well as beginning to make independent choices when manipulating and using a range of media to create our final pieces.

Communication, Language and Literacy

In Literacy this term we will be reading a variety of stories, such as 'The Gruffalo', 'Percy the Park Keeper' (for our Forest and Woodlands topic), 'All Through the Night' and 'Real Superheroes' for our People in our Community topic.

The children will have the opportunity to retell stories, write labels and letters. We will be looking at non-fiction books about animals and their habitats.



Things to take note of...

PE will be on a **Tuesday** and the children will need to come into school wearing their PE kits in the morning.

Connecting with the Team



Messages and notices from Reception staff are sent through Marvellous Me. Please speak to a class teacher if you need support with signing up.

It's a great way for us to celebrate those all important moments in Reception as well as send vital messages of term dates and reminders.

Parent Partnership

We will continue to celebrate children's achievements at home as well as in school. We look forward to hearing more about what makes you proud of your child.



The Essentials

We want to ensure your child has everything they need when they come to school so we have a list of must-have items that we encourage parents to put in their bag for the day.

- A water bottle—encouraging independence
- Change of clothes
- Nappies and wipes
- Suitable clothing for all types of weather, eg coat for cold weather, as we explore the outdoor environment each day



Useful Websites

Great phonics ideas—<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/>

Great ideas to help your child at home - <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/>

Fun interactive games — <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>

www.seesaw.com—online learning and sharing work via the app.



Staffing In Reception

Mrs Singh— Reception Teacher (RS)

Miss Preene— Reception Teacher (RP)

Mrs Stone, Mrs Stockley, Miss Falato and Miss Nelson— Teaching Assistants.

This term we will be helping the children to gain independence and

Notices and Dates for your Diary

14th February— Culture Day

27th February— Movie Night

3rd March— Parent Meetings

14th March— School Photos

21st March— School Photo mop up

