

A guide to Reception

Snack & Drinks

Reception class have access to fruit and milk as a snack every day. Children should also bring a named water bottle to school—**please don't send juice.**

P.E.

This half term PE continues to be on a **Wednesday Morning**. Please make sure their PE Kit (black shorts, white t-shirt) is all named and in school each week.

Reading & Phonics

Children should be returning their reading books at least twice a week as well as practicing sight reading their tricky words.

Remember that there are a lot of games and activities for your child to access on the following website www.phonicsplay.co.uk

Username– OURLADY2

Password- 3376

We will be sending sound books home again from **Friday 11th January**. We will be moving on to 'digraphs' - 2 letters that make 1 sound eg 'ch', 'sh', 'ee'

Tapestry Online Journal

You should be receiving an email with your login details for Tapestry this week. Please check your inbox and junk mail for the email.

Stay and Play

Our weekly Stay and Play sessions will start again from **Friday 11th January**. Please feel free to ask staff for any advice/support about your child's learning during these sessions.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff.

Many thanks for all your support and co-operation.

Mrs Casson and the Reception Team

Reception Spring Term 1 Curriculum Plan



Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope you have had an enjoyable holiday and a wonderful Christmas and that the children are looking forward to the next term in school.

This half term, our topic will be The Polar Regions. We will read a range of fiction and non-fiction texts about both the North and South Poles. We will look at animals that live in both regions and have a go at writing our own fact sheets. We will also find out about famous Polar explorers. In addition, we will learn about the changes that happen during Winter. The children will have opportunities to play in our fake snow and look at the changes of freezing and melting. We will also be thinking about appropriate clothing for this season and how to keep warm.

Our R.E. topic this half term is 'Getting to Know Jesus'. The children will be learning that Jesus is the son of God, and also thinking about how Jesus loved and cared for others and how we can show our love for him.

We will also be continuing our 'mastery' approach to our number work focussing on numbers 6-10. Within this, we will be investigating different ways to make each number by looking at addition and subtraction.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will be focussing on

- Exploring different sounds of instruments
- Exploring what happens when we mix colours and combine different media
- Constructing with a purpose/planned outcomes
- Use movement and gesture to express and respond to feelings

Mathematics

We will be focussing on

Numbers

- finding 1 more and 1 less to at least 10
- using the vocabulary associated with addition and subtraction
- writing addition number sentences

Shape Space and Measures

- Ordering objects by size/length/weight
- Comparing different quantities

R.E.

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Understanding the World

We will be focussing on

People and the World

- Talking about past and present events in our own lives
- Observe our own environments and talk about changes
- Talking about plants and animals and the changes for them in Winter

ICT

- Showing interest in technological toys
- Completing simple computer programmes

Physical Development

We will be focussing on

Moving and Handling

- Moving confidently in a range of ways
- Holding a pencil correctly and forming recognisable letters

Health & Self Care

- Showing an understanding of good practices such as diet and exercise and how they contribute to good health.
- Ensuring that we are managing our toileting needs
- Understanding the benefits of exercise, sleeping and healthy eating

Communication and Language

We will be focussing on

- Listening attentively in a range of situations.
- listening and responding to other peoples ideas
- Expressing ourselves appropriately and being aware of the listeners needs.

Reception Class

Half Termly Planning

Topic:

The Polar Regions

Literacy

Reading

We will be focussing on

- segmenting and blending cvc words
- Learning and recognising the phase 3 sounds
- reading the phase 3 tricky words
- beginning to recognise capital letters and learning their names

Writing

We will be focussing on

- representing sounds correctly in sequence
- writing lists and labels
- beginning to write sentences

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will be focussing on

- developing confidence to try new activities
- playing co operatively and taking turns
- developing confidence to say when I do or don't need help
- talking about different behaviours and knowing that some behaviours are unacceptable