



Reception Termly Newsletter

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely restful break and are looking forward to an exciting Spring term.

We will be continuing to upload observations to tapestry and we have loved seeing what you are getting up to at home as well! We will also be continuing with the weekly newsletters to update you on what we have been doing.

Within this newsletter you will find information regarding what topics we will be covering for the second term of the year and what we will be covering in our areas of learning.

Firstly, some important notices:

Please ensure that your child's clothing is clearly labelled with their name. This includes their PE Kit and shoes if possible.

Please could you make sure that your child has a water bottle in school every day, again making sure that it is clearly labelled. If your child is having packed lunches please ensure this is labelled too.

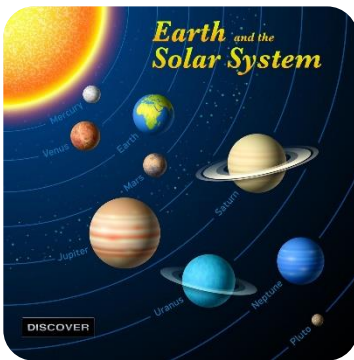
Our PE day is a Friday so children can come into school in their PE kits all day. Jewellery needs to be removed.

The children just need to bring their blue school book bag to school each day which will have their red phonics book, reading diary and book. These need to be in school each day. Within reception we do encourage that you leave a bag at school with spare clothes in – in case the children need to change. These bags can be taken home every half term.

Our RE topic for the first half term is Getting to know Jesus. Within this topic the children will be learning about how Jesus has a great love for all of us and how we can show our love for him. We will also be looking at some miracles and reflecting on how Jesus can help us. After the half term our RE topic will be Sorrow and Joy. Within this topic we will be looking at how we can be kind and helpful to each other.

Learning about how Jesus forgave those who hurt him and be aware that we can forgive others. Towards the end of term we will be looking towards Easter and talking to the children about Good Friday.

For reading we will continue to set books and games on Bug club. Please remember that these books are set at your own child's level.



Our topics this term are; Earth & Beyond until half term and then Growing & Changing from half term until Easter. Over the next two pages you will see a breakdown of all the curriculum areas and what we will be focusing on.



We understand that it is difficult to have less contact and especially for your child's first year of school. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to get in contact via the school office and we will answer any questions you may have. Please don't hesitate to get in contact if you do have any questions. We are very excited for the new term and to see the children continue to make wonderful progress.

Mrs Goodwin & Mrs Ciufu

Topic – Earth & Beyond.

We will be looking at this topic from the beginning of term until the February half term.

Within the topic we will be looking at our solar system and learning all about the planets. We will also be learning about being an astronaut and even have our own astronaut training day!

Communication and Language

Using talk to solve problems.

Talking about how and why things work.

Engage in non-fiction books.

Personal, Social, Emotional

Working on resilience and preserving.

Talking about our overall health.

Thinking about simple goals.

Physical development: We will be continuing with our weekly motor Monday and daily dough disco. This will help with our writing development. Developing gross motor skills in the garden and our PE lessons.

Literacy

We will be focusing on a range of fiction and non-fiction books throughout this topic.

We will be writing facts, simple sentences and instructions.

Maths

We will be looking at numbers 0-8 in depth. Continuing to compare mass and capacity. We will be looking at making pairs and combining two groups together. We will be using lots of natural materials and play-led learning.

Expressive Arts and Design

Making planets.

Making our own moon buggies – junk modelling.

Understanding the World

Investigating gravity.

Understanding the past & learning about astronauts.

Exploring the world around us.

Topic – Transport

We will be looking at this topic from half term until the Easter holidays.

Within the topic we will look at how plants and animals grow and change. We will also be looking at how humans grow and change.

We will be thinking about how the world has changed and what the future might look like.

Communication and Language

Express their ideas and feelings about their experiences using full sentences, including use of past, present and future tenses and making use of conjunctions.

Personal, Social, Emotional

Explain the reasons for rules.

Give focused attention to what is being said, show an ability to follow instructions with several ideas.

Physical development: We will be continuing with our weekly motor Monday and daily dough disco. This will help with our writing development. Developing gross motor skills in the garden, focus ways of moving and negotiating space.

Literacy

We will be focusing on a variety of fiction and non-fiction books within this topic. We will be writing captions, sentences and simple stories/non-fiction fact files.

Maths

We will be looking at numbers 9-10 and number bonds to 10. 3d shapes, length and height.

We will also be looking at time.

We will continue to learn through play for lots of our maths.

Expressive Arts and Design

Designing and creating our own worlds.

Creating future inventions.

Understanding the World

Understanding the past. Knowing some similarities and differences.

Understand the processes and changes that happen in the world.