



Reception Termly Newsletter

A warm welcome to Reception! We hope you had an enjoyable summer break. We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead!

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

The class page on the website will also be updated with photos and suggested websites and links to support your child's 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 phonics notebook in, reading diary and book. These will be given out shortly to the children. These need to be in school each day. Within reception we do encourage that you leave a bag at school with spare uniform in – in case the children need to change.

These bags can be taken home every half term.

The children will have access to the garden every day, in all weathers. Please provide your child with a pair of wellies that can stay at school.

Our RE topic for the first half term is God's World. Within this topic the children will begin to learn about the wonderful world that God has created and learn that God loves them always. Our RE topic for after half term and until Christmas is God's Family. We will be exploring how we are all apart of God's family and how we can be kind and help one another. As we move towards to Christmas we will talk about the meaning of Christmas.

You will be provided with a Tapestry. We will upload observations and pictures of your child's learning during the week. It also allows for you to upload observations from home too which we love to see, so



please do sign up!



Our topics this term are; Homes & Houses until half term and then Winter Wonderland from half term until Christmas. Over the next two pages you will see a breakdown of all the curriculum areas and what we will be focusing on.



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 to be working with your children and you this year.

Mrs Goodwin

Topic – Houses and Homes.

We will be looking at this topic from the start of school until the October Half term.

Within this topic we will be looking at our houses and houses from around the world.

We will be looking at different materials that houses can be made from, to know that houses have changed over time. We will be looking at a range of books for example, The

Three Little Pigs, A New House for Mouse, Let's Build a House and more. We will be exploring different materials and working out which are the best, which will help us to become the best builders and architects we can be.

Communication and Language

We will be developing our speaking and listening skills during games and activities.

Introducing new and extending children's vocabulary. Hot seating activities relating to our books that we will be covering.

Personal, Social, Emotional

Schools learning behaviours, talking about our feelings, developing our relationships.

Activities that allow us to take turns and listen to each other. Developing our sense of belonging and community.

Physical development: We will be doing daily fine motor skills and dough disco. This will help with our writing development. Developing gross motor skills in the garden – running, jumping, cycling etc. Weekly PE lessons with Mrs Dyer.

Literacy

We will be looking at a range of fiction and non-fiction books whilst covering this topic. We will be learning the story of the three little pigs and will be retelling it. We will be having daily phonics sessions. We will be practising our letter formation and reading skills too.

Maths

We will be matching and sorting numbers. Comparing amounts and group. Using language such as more and fewer. We will be talking about and exploring 2D shapes. We will also be looking at positional language such as behind, next to, under.

Expressive Arts and Design

Looking at colouring mixing, using different tools to create pictures. Creating self portraits for our class gallery and making 3D houses. Weekly music lessons with Mrs Dyer.

Understanding the World

Looking at similarities and differences of houses around the world. Sorting materials, describing textures. Testing the best materials for making a house with. Looking at our local area and our town.

Topic – Winter Wonderland

We will be looking at the topic from after Half term until the Christmas Holidays.

Within this topic we will be looking at what changes the winter brings to the environment. We will be looking what changes we make to our lives in the winter such as clothing, how to keep warm and how some animals hibernate. We will also be learning about life in the Arctic, we will be looking at the animals and people that live there. We will also be learning about winter celebrations and Christmas.

Communication and Language

Continuing with our vocabulary development and listening skills. Develop our skill of using talk to help work out problems and organise our thinking. Learning new rhymes and poems.

Personal, Social, Emotional

We will continue to help the children to develop their relationships. Develop our resilience and perseverance in the face of challenges. Activities around a healthy lifestyle.

Physical development: Continuing with our daily fine motor skills to help with our writing development. The children will be having their weekly PE lessons with Mrs Dyer as well.

Literacy

We will be looking at a range of fiction and non-fiction books whilst covering this topic. We will be having daily phonics sessions. We will be practising our letter formation and reading skills too. We will be working on writing captions and short sentences.

Maths

We will be looking at the numbers 1-5. We will be representing and comparing them and the composition of them. Looking at one more and one less. We will also be looking at shapes as well as looking at time.

Expressive Arts and Design

Exploring different materials to firework pictures and winter scenes. Making Christmas decorations and crafts. Using instruments to create winter sounds.

Understanding the World

Learning about different festivals and celebrations e.g. Remembrance day, Diwali, how Christmas is celebrated in different countries. Ice – melting and freezing and exploring where ice melts fastest.