



Reception Termly Newsletter

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

Within this newsletter you will find information regarding what topics we will be covering for the third and final term of Reception 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.

Reading expectations, please read with your child 4 times a week and record it in their orange diaries.

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.

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.

The children will have access to the garden every day, in all weathers. With this in mind and as the weather is getting warmer, please make sure your child has a sun hat and that it has their name in it. We advise against the children wearing sunglasses due to running around outside.

If there is a change to pick up arrangements it is vital that you let us know, please email the office.

Curriculum notices:

Phonics

This term we will be consolidating our phase 2 and 3 sounds along with the tricky words from these phases. We will also be revisiting phase 1 by the games and activities we use with the children. The children will also be learning phase 4 tricky words and how to spell these.

We will continue to update the red phonics books on a Thursday, please make sure the books are in school on a Thursday so this can happen.

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 RE topic for the first half term is New Life/Pentecost. In this topic we will be talking about why we celebrate Easter and how Jesus was resurrected. We will be talking about how Jesus gives a gift of joy and peace. After half term our RE topic will be Our Church Family. We will be learning about how the Church is a special place, why Sunday is a special day for the Church family and talk about Baptism.



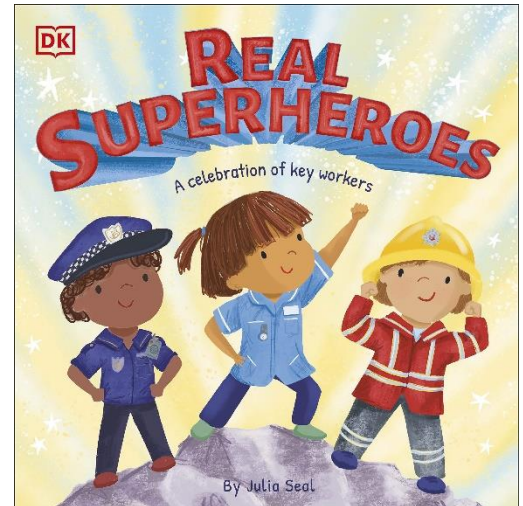


Our topics this term are; Under the sea until half term and then we will be looking at Real life superheroes. Over the next two pages you will see a breakdown of all the curriculum areas

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 for the new term and to see the children continue to make wonderful progress.

Mrs Goodwin and Mrs Ciufu



Topic – Under the sea.

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

We will be learning about different sea creatures and their habitats.

We are also off to Colchester Zoo this half term!

Communication and Language

We will be continuing to develop the children's vocabulary. We will be developing listen skills and responses to questions. We will be working with the children to offer opinions and how they can do this with peers and adults.

Personal, Social, Emotional

Sharing opinions and thinking about how we are all different. Water safety and school trip safety. We will also be talking about why sleep is important and looking at some calming strategies.

Physical development: We will be continuing to work on our fine motor skills in our motor Monday sessions. We will also be thinking about how to negotiate spaces safely and moving in different ways. We will also be looking at how to negotiate obstacles safely.

Literacy

We will be looking at a range of books around the topic under the sea.

We will be writing how to describe a character, sharing our thoughts, describing a setting, rewriting a story and writing a recount.

We will be looking at new vocabulary each week from the books and developing our understanding of what we are reading.

We will also be focusing on consolidating our phase 2&3 phonics, segmenting, blending and writing.

Maths

We will be looking at building numbers past 10, looking at the number pattern beyond 10 – beginning to understand that all the teen numbers have a 1 at the start.

We will be matching shapes and patterns as well as adding and taking away.

Understanding the World

We will be looking at a range of habitats, talking about the oceans, learning about why things float. We will be carrying out a couple of experiments to see a reaction and we will be talking about plastic pollution and how we can help keep the oceans clean.

Expressive Arts & Design

We will be using some of our books for art inspiration and creating pictures in the style of the illustrations. We will be creating a diorama of an ocean. Learning and performing a nursery rhyme about sea creatures. We will also be collaging and making decorations!

Topic – Real life superheroes.

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

We will be focusing on local heroes and what it means to be a hero, as well as touching on other superheroes.

Communication and Language

We will be continuing to develop the children's vocabulary. Developing the skills of linking and connecting ideas and events. Also thinking about answering why questions, encouraging children to develop their sentences.

Personal, Social, Emotional

We will be looking at overcoming challenges and being resilient, thinking about being a safe pedestrian and why it is important. Developing children's skills at problem solving by talking it through with a friend or an adult.

Physical development: We will be continuing to work on our fine motor skills in our motor Monday sessions. We will be looking at moving in a variety of ways, running, jumping, skipping, climbing etc. We will also be working on our balancing skills.

Literacy

We will be looking at a range of books around the topic superheroes.

We will be writing how to describe a character, sharing our thoughts, describing a setting, rewriting a story and writing a recount.

We will be looking at new vocabulary each week from the books and developing our understanding of what we are reading.

We will also be focusing on consolidating our phase 2&3 phonics, segmenting, blending and writing.

Maths

We will be looking at doubling numbers within 10.

We will be looking at sharing equally between two groups.

We will be looking at odd and even numbers.

We will also be using positional language to describe where things are.

We will be verbally count beyond 20.

Understanding the World

The children will be exploring a range of jobs that people do. We will be looking at the seasonal changes as we enter the summer. We will be exploring the best material for a superhero cape!

Expressive Arts & Design

We will be using split pins and sewing to join. We will be learning new rhymes and songs which link to our topic, such as doctor foster. We will also be creating some artwork in the style of Monet and learning about him.