



Curriculum Letter
Summer Term
2025
Reception

Dear Parent/Carer

In order to keep you up to date about your child's learning journey, detailed within this leaflet is a brief overview of our current learning focuses in Reception. We hope this information will help you to talk to your child about their learning experiences and reinforce this at home. In line with Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum pupils also engage in a range of self-initiated activities on a daily basis using the indoor and outdoor environment.

Literacy



Our current reading focus is based around fiction. We are working on sequencing events in order, using appropriate story vocabulary and recognising and talking about characters in detail. We will be working on expanding our vocabulary to include more adjectives and using these in our oral descriptions. In writing we are learning to form all letters correctly, our current letter formation foci will be the Curly Caterpillar family (c,a,g,o,d,q,e,f,s) and the zigzag monsters (v, w, x, z). We are now using many more sounds in our writing and developing our sentence writing skills. We will continue to use a range of materials to develop our phonic knowledge. We will be revising all previously taught sounds and looking at:

oo(short), ar,or,ur,ow,oi ear air ure ur (as er)
j, v, w, x, y, z, ch, sh, th, ng, ai, ee, oo(long), igh, oa

Numeracy



Our main maths focuses this term will be adding and subtracting sets of objects by counting on and back, working on recognising number bonds for all the numbers to 5 and for the number 10, recognising odd and even numbers and halving and sharing amounts. We will continue to recognise and count with beyond 20. We are also developing the recording of our ideas in calculations. We will be continuing to broaden our maths vocabulary using the addition and subtraction words in a variety of real-life situations. We will also return to measuring length, capacity, weight and to recognising and describing 2D and 3D shapes.

Topic



Our class topic for this half term is Summer and Hot Weather. We will start by thinking about the season of summer, the weather changes and the sorts of clothes we wear in summertime. We will then think about countries where the weather is hot all the time and be finding out about the culture and the animals that live there. Next half term's focus will be Pirates (Oh arrgh me hearties!). We will be finding out all about what pirates did and how they lived their lives. Our creative development will be based around model making, painting and collage. Our physical development activities will incorporate learning to control and direct balls and take part in team games, learning to work together and support each other. We will be further developing our mouse control and understanding of moving around programs in ICT.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development



Our PSE focus this term is on understanding how good it is to be us. We will be thinking about all the things we can do now and what we have learnt over the year. We will also be recognising emotions in others and how to respond. We will continue to work on our independence and resilience and developing our own individual learning styles.

Ideas For Helping Your Child at Home



- Please continue to read with your child at home daily. Five minutes a day of sharing a book and talking about it will make a massive difference to their view of themselves as readers. Individual reading books will be changed when an adult from home has read the book with the child and written in their logbook.
- Practising reading keywords at home will also have a positive impact on your child's reading development. Each child has a set of keywords to learn to recognise instantly. Once your child knows them, send back your child's keyword pot so that they can have their next set and become Keyword Kid by the end of the year! Once your child can read all the keywords the next challenge will be to spell them.
- Children need to wear PE kit to school every Wednesday and for the second half of the term Monday as well as the children will be joining in with archery sessions.
- We will be completing the Balance ability programme in the first half of the term where the child increases their skills and confidence using balance bikes. Please send your child in trousers or shorts on Tuesdays if possible until the May half term holiday.

