

Curriculum Newsletter for Reception



Dear Parents and Carers,

Your children have been working so hard with their learning so far this year, and we would like to thank you for all your support.

Class	Reception – Kangaroos and Koalas		
Class Teachers	Miss Richardson - Kangaroo Miss Capel– Koala Mrs Forster works across classes		
Support staff working in the classroom	Mrs Kimber Mrs Parsons Mrs Morris		
Home learning	Children will bring home the sounds we have been learning. We encourage you to revise the sounds and use them to make words. We will also be sending home tricky words (words that cannot be sounded out) for the children to learn to read. Each week children have a Mathletics task that is set by the teachers. You can find your child's login in the front of the reading journal.		
Reading books	The children's reading books will be changed on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday, as long as they have read the book at home. Please try and hear your child read for at least 5 minutes each day. It is important that your child revisits their reading book more than once with you at home. This will enable them to practise words they were unsure of previously and will further develop their understanding of the story. Also, remember to sign the reading record when you have read with your child. Again, any brief comments about how your child read the book or about any questions / conversations you had about it are very useful for continual assessment.		
PE kits	Our PE day is Monday. Please ensure PE kit is in school on this day. Jewellery should be removed and children with long hair should have it tied back for health and safety reasons. Children in Reception have access to outside at all times. They explore a variety of activities which develop their fine and gross motor skills.		
Planned trips this year	Summer Term – To be confirmed		
Topic work this year	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
	<i>First Half:</i> Kangaroo/Koala Class and me <i>Second Half:</i> Let's Celebrate!	<i>First Half:</i> 3, 2, 1 Blast Off! <i>Second Half:</i> Under the Sea	<i>First Half:</i> Creepy Crawlies <i>Second Half:</i> Once Upon a Time

In addition to this, we thought it would be useful to share with you what children will be learning about up until Easter, so that you can support their learning at home. If you have any questions please speak to the class teacher. If you have any 'Show and Tell' relating to these themes we would love to see them. We encourage books, achievements,

photographs and family events. If you are struggling with areas we love to celebrate children's drawings from home rather than toys.

'3, 2, 1 Blast Off!' and 'Under the Sea'

During this half term the children will be learning about Space. We will look at a variety of stories in our Literacy sessions including 'Whatever Next' and 'Aliens love Underpants'. The children will carry out a variety of activities linked to the stories such as writing lists, role playing the stories and making rockets. The children will also learn about the planets, travelling to the moon and will have the chance to design their own Alien! In Maths this term we will be looking at one more and one less, weighing and simple addition.

After half term our theme will be 'Under the Sea'. The children will look at a variety of books such as 'The Rainbow Fish' and 'The Snail and the Whale'. The children will look at the features of nonfiction books and write facts that they have learnt about sea creature. In Maths this half term we will continue to look at addition, introduce subtraction and 3D shapes.

Phonics

The children are taught phonics for 20 minutes each day. They are currently learning the individual letter sounds, double letter sounds and how to blend words for reading and break up (segment) words for writing. We have also been working on our handwriting with daily handwriting sessions. We encourage the children to form the letter correctly and not to write in capital letters.

RE

Our theme this half term in R.E. is 'Who made the Wonderful World'. The children will be looking at the Creation story and the different things in nature that we are thankful for. Next half term our theme is 'Easter Story'. The children will be looking the changes that happen in Spring, baby animals and the life cycles of animals such as frogs as well as the Easter story and Easter symbols. Through worship, we will explore the Christian value of Thankfulness.

PE

This term the children will be focusing on activities to develop their balance, co-ordination and cooperative skills. As the term progresses some PE sessions may be outside so please ensure your child has the appropriate named footwear in their PE bags and jogging bottoms.

A small reminder that children should bring in their book bags, reading books and a water bottle daily. It is important that children are responsible for their own items and we are continuing to develop children's self-help skills. For example changing for PE independently as well as do their own zip and buttons.

If you have any questions about this, feel free to talk to one of the Reception team and we will be happy to help.

Many thanks again for your continued support.
Miss Capel and Miss Richardson.

