

What's happening in Reception this Spring Term 2019?

Literacy

This term the children will continue to learn new letter sounds—1 a day. They will use these sounds to read and write words and begin to read and write simple sentences.

We will be looking at different stories and information books. These books will link to our daily writing activities and we will be acting out the stories that we have read.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

This term the children will be focussing on their behaviour and how it affects others. The children will be learning about the importance of caring for and helping each other.

Through circle time we will be discussing the things that the children think they are good at and what they think they need to get better at. We will also be reminding the children to take care of the equipment within the reception area.

Communication and Language

This term the children will be encouraged to listen attentively in a range of situations. They will be developing their understanding of stories and be encouraged to answer how and why questions about what they have listened to.

The children will have time to talk and listen as a whole class and will be encouraged to wait their turn to speak and to ask questions about what they have heard.

Mathematics

The children will be learning about numbers up to and past 20 this term.

They will be working out numbers which are 1 more and 1 less and placing numbers in the correct order.

They will be starting to add 2 groups of objects together and working out the total. The children will be developing their use of mathematical words such as heavy, light, long, short, full, and empty.

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will be developing their ideas through drawing or painting pictures, making models, singing songs, dancing to music, dressing up and pretending to be other people and telling stories. They will be using different equipment like brushes, rollers, scissors or hole punches to make pictures and build things.

Physical Development

We will be teaching children the skills they need to use different types of equipment safely. The children will be learning the skills of throwing, rolling, fetching and receiving. We will be encouraging them to play together in small groups once their skills have developed.

This term they will also be finding out about healthy eating and ways to stay safe.

Understanding the World

The children will be looking at the changes that are happening as we go into Spring. We will be investigating the local environment by making use of our Forest School area.

We will be looking at the different celebrations and traditions associated with Chinese New Year and Easter.

Children will have access to various types of technology such as the interactive board, cd player and mobile headphones.

How you can help at home:

- Discuss with your child the characters in any books being read.
- Make books with them of activities they have been doing, using photographs of them as illustrations.
- Notice and encourage the marks your child makes and the meanings that they give to them, such as when they cover a whole piece of paper and say, "I'm writing".
- Encourage them to talk about the shapes they see and use and how they are arranged.
- Help your child to find out about the area in which they live by looking photographs and simple maps and visiting local places.
- Encourage your child to share their feelings and talk about why they respond to things in particular ways.

Important Information

Children will need a P.E kit in school (white T-shirt, blue or black shorts and plimsolls or trainers).

Forest school is still on a Thursday. Please can the children come to school in old warm clothes and bring their uniform with them.