



Reception Spring Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely, festive winter break! The children have settled back in to the daily routine of Reception well and we are all looking forward to another busy fun filled half term!

We are focusing on Communication and Language over the first two weeks this term and we will be asking each child to talk about something they did in the Christmas holidays. It is really important that you put a photo on your child's Early Excellence Learning Journey so they can share it with the class, whilst they talk.

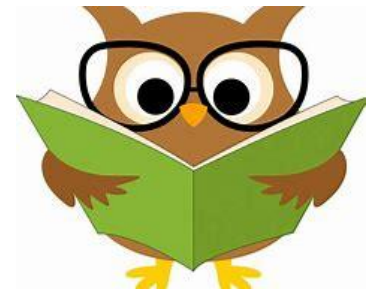
From Tuesday 15th January, we are asking parents to drop children off at their classroom door instead of coming into the class with them. We are focusing on developing the children's independence this term and this will encourage the children to do their morning jobs themselves.

Here is an outline of what we will be covering over the next few months.

RWI

This half term, we will be grouping the children for their daily RWInc lessons. All children will continue to blend and segment CVC words. Some children will continue to focus on set 1 sounds, some will start set 2 sounds and start reading.

Please continue to practise recognising all the sounds at home and blending sounds together to make simple CVC words. Have a look at the website below where there is a lot of excellent videos.



Website address: www.ruthmiskin.com/en/find-out-more/parents/

Please also continue to focus on the correct letter formation with a good pencil grip with your children at home. We hope that you have found the letter formation files we have sent home useful.

The statements the children are being expected to achieve this term are



- Links sounds to letters when segmenting and blending CVC words
- Segments CVC words and use appropriate letters to represent sounds in their writing

This term, we are also going to be reading a different fairy tale each week. This children will have opportunities to speak about the story, act it out and start writing some sentences about them.

Maths

During this half term, from weeks 1-3, we will be focusing on numbers (counting and recognition). Weeks 4-6 will be a focus on Shape, space and measures: size, weight and capacity.

It is important for children to develop a deep understanding of individual numbers to 10. This means that children should know what each number looks like, the value of it and to know that the value of it does not change even if the position of the objects does (because nothing has been added or taken away). The children need to begin to understand different ways of making numbers up to 10.

The scheme we follow in school Maths no problem follows a Concrete, pictorial, abstract (CPA) approach. It is a highly effective approach to teaching that develops a deep and sustainable understanding of maths in pupils.

You can find more information about this on the website below.

www.mathsnoproblem.com/en/mastery/concrete-pictorial-abstract/



The statements the children are being expected to achieve this term are

- Counts reliable with numbers 0-10 (0-20), place them in order and say what is one more and one less than a given number.
- Uses comparative language to describe and compare measures (size, weight, capacity and time)
- Explores characteristics of everyday objects, 2D and 3D shapes using Mathematical language to describe them.

Topic

This half term, we will be looking at Chinese New Year, Valentine's Day and Shrove Tuesday. For Chinese New Year, the children will be getting creative with Chinese Lanterns and dragons and will have the opportunity to make some Chinese noodles! National Storytelling week begins on the 28th January. We will be reading lots of stories and would love for some Grandparents to come and read some of their favourite stories from when they were younger. It would also be great if parents that speak other languages could come in to read to the children. Please let us know if you would be interested. Between 8.30am and 9am on Friday 1st February we will have half an hour of reading stories. Grandparents are welcome to come in and read together with their Grandchild.

The statements the children are being expected to achieve this term are

- Knows about festivals and celebrations that are marked within their own Culture.
- Talks about similarities and differences between themselves and others and among families' communities and traditions.



ART

Our main Art focus this term will be linked to a whole school project where we explore how to use feedback to help children make improvements to their learning, based on research on 'Visible Learning' by John Hattie. As part of this project all the children will be developing their drawing skills, based on the theme of 'fish'. They will be drafting and redrafting following feedback their designs and reflecting on how their feedback helped them improve. The children will receive feedback from both staff and other children in their class as research suggests this is a powerful way of enabling improvements to be made. Later in the term, we will be exploring the fish theme by working with local artists

Dates for you diaries!

28th Jan- 01st Feb- National Storytelling Week

Friday 01st Feb- Grandparent Storytelling Morning

Half Term- 18th – 24th February

Reception B trip to Pizza Express- 05th March

Mother's Day Breakfast- Friday 29th March

Reception A trip to Pizza Express- 02nd April



Reminders

- £30 snack money for the Spring term is now due. These can be paid with cash or cheque.
- Please can we ask for toys not to be brought in to school from home. It can be very upsetting if a toy from home is lost or broken.
- Letter formation files will be collected every Wednesday and another sheet will be added and sent home every Friday. Please ensure your child's file is always in their book bag.
- PE days will continue to be on Thursday and Friday this half term.
- Swimming will continue with a different group of children this term. These children will have already received a letter. Swimming will start on Monday 07th January.
- We hope that you have all managed to log on and access your child's Early Excellence Learning Journey. Please add photographs from home!
- Please remember to always have spare clean clothes for your child in school at all times.
- Busy Things is a great resource to use at home.
The website is <https://www.busythings.co.uk/>
Login: home8972 Password: crazy8362

Our doors are always open and we can always find time to answer any questions or queries so please do not hesitate to contact us.



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Many thanks,

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