

Reception Curriculum Overview



Communication and Language

During our English lessons the children will be developing their listening and attention skills and increasing their vocabulary.

We will focus our learning around books, firstly Biscuit Bear where the children get to act out the role of the characters, share their ideas and bake or own biscuit bears! Next, we read a lovely 'Charlie and Lola' book about a fussy eater - 'I Will Not Ever, Never, Eat a Tomato!' During these sessions we will explore the importance of healthy eating, share our most and least favourite foods and apply our phonics knowledge to write labels, captions and short sentences.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will continue to develop the strong relationships we have built over the last term. Friendships are so important in Early Years and we always encourage kind, respectful and thoughtful behaviour towards our peers and staff. We will also discuss our emotions regularly.

We will have a fun 'Dojo Treat' time on a Friday afternoon to reward all our positive behaviour throughout the week. This can be dancing, playing party games, using the big parachute for games or sharing watermelon or biscuits.

Physical Development

We will continue to encourage the children to play outside. We have waterproofs and wellies for them to wear in the rain. We will focus on team games such as football or basketball and throwing and catching games and explore the mud kitchen.

For our important fine motor skills, we continue to have a 'Funky Fingers' area with new inviting and exciting activities each week. These will include threading pasta onto strings, using tweezers to 'rescue' plastic bugs trapped in a box and messy play such as writing in shaving foam, glitter or washing up liquid.

Literacy

We will continue follow the Read, Write, Inc program for our phonics lessons to build up our knowledge of sounds, and then use this to practise blending letter sounds together to read words. We will also learn how to break a word down into sounds to help with our writing.

There will always be an assortment of writing materials available around the classroom and outdoors.

Maths

We continue to have short group sessions which are always practical and involve lots of play. We have a maths area in the classroom where children can explore and develop their skills through a wide range of resources. We focus this half term on representing and comparing numbers, exploring shapes and measures and spatial awareness, including using positional language.

Expressive Arts and Design

Our creative area has lots of activities that usually link together areas of learning – like our book or a relevant topic. We have a wide range of resources available to encourage the children to express themselves effectively, through painting, drawing, singing, dancing, making music and acting out their stories. There are lots of resources available outside too so that creative activities are not limited to indoors.

Understanding the World

Children will be encouraged to comment on any changes they notice, such as leaves coming off trees, new insects or birds they see and also any events that are special to them from home. Our books allow us to focus on how other peoples' lives are different to ours and celebrate differences among ourselves. There will be lots of opportunities to explore outdoors and draw and write about our findings.

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Autumn 2 Newsletter



Reminders

- Please ensure your child has a **spare set of clothes** in a bag in school, in case we need to change them. Please include **underwear and socks**.
- Please ensure your child has a pair of **wellies** that they can keep at school.
- Please make sure your child has a **water bottle** that they can keep in school.
- If your child has an **asthma inhaler**, please make sure we have one in school and that it is in date.
- Children must be in correct **school uniform** at all times. This includes appropriate footwear. **Please ensure all of your child's uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name.**

Class Dojo We continue to use 'Class Dojos' as a reward system. Teachers continuously encourage and reward positive behaviours by giving whole class and individual Dojo points. Each child works hard to earn dojos, ready for Dojo treat on a Friday. The child with the most dojos on Friday also chooses a prize from our special prize box!

Important Diary Dates Non-uniform day for Children in Need on **Friday 12th November** - £1 donation
Christmas Jumper Day **Tuesday 21st December**

Home Learning Your child's reading book will be changed every Friday. This matches their phonics ability so it is vital that you listen to your child read at home wherever possible.

Teacher's Message

Welcome back to a new half term!

We hope you had a lovely break and are focused and ready to learn lots more!

We had a great start to Reception. We got to know each other really well and shared our interests, we can see the start of some firm friendships already in place. This half term we will continue to build and strengthen our friendships and spend lots of time learning in the different areas of the classroom. We will continue with our short focused sessions on the carpet. These are: Phonics, English and Maths, the rest of the day is spent playing and interacting with our teachers and peers which is vital for our Early Years children.

We will be following the latest Early Years guidance and re-introducing tooth brushing during the school day. Children will have their own toothbrush to use every day and we will be teaching the importance of daily tooth brushing and dental care.

Focus child

We will continue with the three focus children per class, per week to record extra observations for your child's learning file. Please look out for your child bringing a letter home to ask for photos of family experiences such as days out, trips to the park, pets, etc.

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