

Spring Term



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you had a lovely Christmas and a great New Year!

Hasn't the time flown- one whole term down already!

Here is a reminder of how Reception works. Each half term we have a focus topic. I will upload our knowledge organiser to our class webpage on the school website with relevant information at the start of each half term, so please keep an eye out for this. Each week we have a focus story and nursery rhyme which is linked to our topic. In Reception our inside and our outside classroom is set up so children have access to all seven areas of learning and can access these as they wish during busy time.

Reception is a mixture of teacher taught and play based learning. Each week your child will engage in daily whole class Phonics, Literacy (Drawing Club) and Maths, along with weekly RE, PSHE and PE. (Receptions PE slot is now on Mondays please ensure your child comes to school with their earrings removed).

You will continue to receive 'weekly news' via tapestry which will inform you of what your child has been learning that week. You will also receive updates on your child's learning and next steps. Please like and comment- this is greatly appreciated!

This half term our topic is 'Traditional Tales'. We will be exploring these stories and learning the morals of these. For our enrichment activity we will be having a 'Traditional Tales' dress up day where your child can choose who they want to dress up as. More details will follow.

Next half term our topic is 'Superheroes!'. During this topic we will be exploring all aspects Superheroes- fantasy and real-life superheroes like doctors, nurses, teachers, police, fire fighters ect.

During this term your child will continue to have 1-1 reading with an adult, where they will be heard reading and will change their reading book weekly. Please continue to listen to your child read at home and write how they are getting on in their reading journal. Please ensure the reading wallets are in your child's book bag daily as this allows them to have lots of reading opportunities throughout the weeks- with our reading ambassadors (Year 4, 5 & 6 children) as well as a very generous parent reading helper.

At the end of each half term your child will receive a home learning pack which is to be completed over the school holiday and then uploaded onto Tapestry.

Finally, and most importantly your child is special part of our Reception family. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me via email or face to face at the classroom door after I have dismissed the class. I am here to help and will do my best to support you and your child with anything I can.

Kind regards

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