



Reception Newsletter

We discover and realise the genius in everyone!



Dear Parents/Carers...

Welcome back, we hope you all enjoyed your break and are well rested for another busy term. As the new year begins, we look forward to all of the new and exciting learning that will take place in Reception. This half term our topic is "All Together Now." We will be learning about different countries around the world and exploring the ways in which they are similar or different to the country that we live in. We will also be reading stories from around the world and looking at non-fiction texts to find out interesting information about our planet.

Miss Milhench (RSM), Mrs Fletcher (RJF), Miss McKenzie (RSK)

TOPIC FOCUS: ALL TOGETHER NOW

We will be reading a range of fiction and non-fiction texts to find out more about different countries in the world. Our classrooms will be filled with exciting activities linked to our weekly books. We will have a go at a range of creative activities including constructing, painting, and making collages!

The children will continue progressing with phonics this term and we ask that you continue to help them practise their sounds and remember to read with your child every day.

IMPORTANT DATES

Children's mental health week

W/C 5th February

Half term Holiday

Monday 12th February
to Friday 16th
February

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please ensure your child attends regularly and is on time for school. The gate opens 8:50am and collection time is 3:30pm. If your child is late they miss out on important phonics learning.

Please remember to send your child into school every Monday with their P.E. kit. It will go home on Friday.

Children need to bring their book bag and a water bottle to school every day.

Please label all children's clothing, including wellie boots, hats and scarves.

Home Learning

WB: 8th January:

Core Book - Stories From Around the World for Little Children

- Read your favourite story at home and then re-tell it to an adult.
- What objects can you count at home? How far can you count? Can you count to 10? 20? Or more? Show off your counting skills to an adult.
- Find out about another country. This could be one that you have visited, or where your family are from, or one that you choose from a map.

WB: 15th January:

Core Book - Handa's surprise

- Make a fruit salad with an adult. Choose your favourite fruits and enjoy!
- Draw a picture of Handa's fruit basket. Can you draw your favourite fruits?
- Look for groups of 5 in your house. Can you find sets of 5 things that are the same or different?

WB: 22nd January

Core Book - Oi! Get off our Train!

- Go litter picking with an adult in your local area.
- Can you find out about endangered animals? Find a book in the library or look online with an adult.

- Count at dinner time! Who at the table has more food? Who has less?
- Sort some of your toys can you line them up in a pattern? Teddy, doll, teddy, doll etc

WB: 29th January:

Core Book - Our World: First Book of Geography

- Can you make a drawing of the world? Use paints, pens, crayons or whatever you have to draw planet Earth. You could use a paper plate if you have one, or just plain paper.
- Practice writing the phonics sounds that you have learnt this half term.
- Look at some maps, are there any maps in your local area? You can also use Google maps/ Google earth with an adult to explore. What countries can you find on a map of the world.

WB: 5th February

Core Book - Welcome to our world

- How many ways can you make different numbers? Use counting objects at home to help you. How many ways can you make 3, 4 or 5?
- Practice writing the tricky words: I, the, to, no, go
- Draw a picture of someone special in your family, with help from your adult, write a sentence to explain why they are special to you.

LITTLE WANDLE LETTERS & SOUNDS

Thank you for helping your child with their phonics and reading over the last term. Please visit the website below for further parent information and videos, to enable you to continue to support your child with phonics. <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents>.

TAPESTRY

We would like to thank parents who have activated their Tapestry account and are regularly commenting on their child's learning. Parents are also able to upload photos and videos of activities and experiences that you have done at home. We really appreciate all of your wonderful contributions to your child's Tapestry profile. Thank You!