

Spring Term in Reception

We are so proud of the wonderful start your children have made in Reception. The first term has been a great success, and the children have settled in beautifully. They are fully invested in our class and school rules, showing excellent behaviour and well-established routines. The children work together as a team to care for our classroom.

Friendships are developing well, and the children play and learn happily together, showing kindness, cooperation and respect for others. They are becoming increasingly confident in expressing their feelings, needs and ideas, and in seeking help when needed, showing great development in communication and language.

As we move into the Spring term, we will continue to support and develop all areas of learning, helping the children to build on their skills, confidence and independence. We look forward to seeing their continued progress and celebrating their successes together.

The children will continue to visit the school library on a Friday to promote reading for pleasure - reading these stories at home helps your child in their learning journey, by exposing them to rich language and new vocabulary. Children have begun to bring home RWI reading books (children will bring these home at different stages of their phonics journey).

We would like to thank you for your continued support, especially for ensuring your children have spare clothes, raincoats and wellies in school. This really helps us to support outdoor learning and play, allowing the children to explore, investigate and fully engage with their environment. The children love playing with water, sand and paint, and while aprons are available, we have a limited number - so we encourage all children to get involved without worrying about getting messy! We are also very grateful for your generous contributions last term, which helped us to hold successful Halloween and Christmas parties, and our cake raffle raised funds for some fantastic new resources. Thank you for your ongoing support - it truly makes a difference.

As always, if you have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to contact a member of our team. We look forward to another fun filled half term with you all.

Miss McGinley

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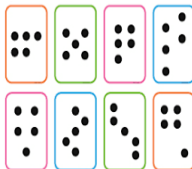
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Maths

During the Autumn term, the children made a fantastic start in their mathematical learning, and we are now excited to build on this as we move into the Spring term. The children will continue to explore numbers to 10, developing a deeper understanding of number composition and learning to subitise with confidence.

Children will also begin to explore basic addition and subtraction through hands-on practical activities, storytelling, and singing songs, helping to make maths meaningful, engaging, and fun as their skills continue to grow.



English

The children made a fantastic start to their reading and writing during the Autumn term. They thoroughly enjoyed learning phonics through Read Write Inc. and made great progress, which we will continue to build on as we move into the Spring term. Our literacy sessions, following Talk Through Stories, have been a big hit and have helped to develop a real love of reading and storytelling.

The children have also worked hard on their handwriting through our Kinetic Letters scheme, and we have seen amazing progress. As we move forward this term, they will continue developing their skills by writing words and then moving on to simple sentences, supporting their growing confidence and independence in writing.



Foundation Subjects

Science - This term in science, the children will be testing different materials, including natural and found objects. They will explore freezing and melting, floating and sinking, and investigate how magnets work. These activities will help them develop curiosity, observation skills, and a love of hands-on learning.

RE - This term in RE, the children will learn about different religious and non-religious celebrations. They will explore Diwali, Ramadan and Eid, Passover, Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday, and share their own experiences. Through stories and activities, they will develop understanding and respect for different beliefs and traditions.

History - This term in History, the children will explore how the seasons change over time. They will also learn about how life was different in the past, including changes in clothing, toys, and everyday life compared to today.

Art - This term in Art, the children will explore painting using a range of materials and techniques, developing their creativity and confidence in expressing ideas through art.

PE - This term in PE, the children will take part in our exciting unit "Move with Max". They will develop their coordination, balance, and teamwork skills through fun and active games. We will also learn about the importance of staying healthy and keeping active.

Phonics

Read Write Inc (RWI) is the phonics programme that we follow in school to give children a flying start in learning to read and write. The children will be working in their designated Read Write Inc groups and working through different sets of sounds and playing Fred Talk games to help develop their reading and writing skills.

Children will begin to bring RWI reading books home (beginning with sound blending). Reading at home will support the children on their phonics learning journey. We would love the children to aim to read at home a minimum of 3 times per week and we will celebrate these reads with Dojos.



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