

Dear Parents,

We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year break. The children have settled well into the new term and we look forward to a fun few months ahead. From the first week of term Miss Douglas will now be teaching on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Mrs Waugh will be teaching the class on a Thursday. Below you will find information about what the children will be learning about this term.

School Values:



Our core value this term is **CURIOSITY**.

We want to instil a love of learning and a sense of wonder in all children. This term we will be focusing on encouraging them to explore, ask questions and to try new things. Curious children build a love of learning, far beyond the walls of the classroom.

Topic

Our general theme for this term is 'Our Planet'. We will be covering how to look after our planet and exploring countries and oceans. Our topics in Reception are inspired by the children's interests and children are involved in the planning of each topic. So, we will also be asking the children what they would like to find out.

PE

This term the children will be taking part in PE activities that further develop their spatial awareness, balance, coordination and agility.

English

Phonics

This term the children will continue to take part in daily phonics lessons. We are now working on 'Phase 3' sounds, which will include learning to recognise and write digraphs (one sound made from two letters) and trigraphs (one sound made from three letters), for example 'sh', 'ai', 'ee' and 'igh'.

Phase 3 sounds: j, v, w, x, y, z, zz, qu, ch, sh, th, ng, ai, ee, igh, oa, oo/oo, ar, or, ur, ow, oi, ear, air, ure, er

Phase 3 Tricky Words: he, she, we, me, be, you, are, her, was, all, they, my

Writing

We are encouraging the children to become more independent in their writing and to 'have a go' at applying their phonic knowledge all by themselves. This term we will be challenging the children to write simple sentences and will support them to use finger spaces and to sit their letters on the line.

Reading

This term we will continue to hear the children read regularly. This may be as part of their phonics lessons, group activities or by sharing their reading book.

Poetry Competition

We will also be holding our annual Poetry Competition this term. All children will be given a poem on Friday 18th February to learn off by heart and recite it in front of their class. More details regarding this performance and the whole school poetry competition will be sent out shortly.

Maths

This term the children will be learning about:

- Addition and subtraction (using numbers to 10)
- Measuring mass, capacity, length and time.
- We will also be looking specifically at the numbers 0, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 e.g. what is one more or one less than those numbers, how we write those numbers
- The children will also be learning how to use part whole models and ten frames.

PSHE (Personal, Social and Emotional Development)

PSHE is woven throughout the curriculum and enhanced during our circle time sessions and assemblies. This term in PSHE we will be covering many areas which include persevering in the face of challenges, setting goals and how to support and encourage others.

RE (Religious Education)

This term children will be learning about different celebrations. These will include Holi, Persian New Year and Chinese New Year.

Show and Tell

For show and tell this half term we would like your child **to bring in their favourite book from home** to share with the class. Your child can introduce the book and explain why it's their favourite. The class teacher in that day will read the book and then keep it safe until it is sent home. Please can the children bring in their favourite book on the following weeks:

Show and Tell: favourite books
W/B Monday 24/01/22 – Badgers
W/B Monday 31/01/22 – Hedgehogs
W/B Monday 07/02/22 – Squirrels
W/B Monday 14/02/22 – Foxes

Homework

- Reading books: A huge thank you to those of you who have been reading regularly with your child, 5 to 10 minutes every day is ideal. Books will continue to be changed on a Monday and Thursday as long as they have been shared at home, please remember to make a note of this in your child's reading record so we know that they are ready for a new book.
- Friday optional homework: We will continue to send home practice handwriting sheets on a Friday, these will always match the learning in class.
- Phonics Packs: We hope your child has enjoyed showing you their learning at home with the phonics packs. We have been so impressed by how many sounds they know! We have taken the packs in to update them and they will be given out by the end of next week. Please continue to practice these regularly, at least three times a week.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any further queries or questions. We look forward to a fun term ahead!

Kind regards

Miss Douglas, Mrs Waugh and Mrs Emmett