

Summer Term 2021 - Curriculum Letter for children in Reception

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the final term in Reception! The children have settled back in superbly and we look forward to a fun few months ahead. Below you will find information about what the children will be learning this term.

School Values:



Our core value this term is Respect. We will be encouraging the children to “treat people the way that they would like to be treated” and will also be focusing on respecting our school, classrooms and belongings.

English:

Phonics

This term the children will continue to take part in daily phonics sessions. They will spend time reviewing and consolidating Phase 3 sounds and will move onto Phase 4, which develops their skills in both their reading and writing. We will also start learning our Phase 4 tricky words.

Writing

We will focus on writing simple sentences for a variety of purposes, trying hard to remember to include finger spaces, capital letters and full stops. We will be having a big focus on handwriting this term, any support at home to help your child to form their letters and numbers correctly is much appreciated!

Reading

The children will continue to read regularly in school, both individually and as part of a group. They will also start to visit our wonderful library this term to choose from a wide range of books to take home. Please ensure that your child's reading books and reading record are brought into school each day and continue to initial the reading record, so that we know when the children have read at home. It is very important that the children read at home regularly, as this will lead to huge improvements in their letter and word recognition, comprehension and confidence.

Maths:

This term the Maths topics include:

- working with numbers to 20
- addition and subtraction
- doubling and halving small numbers
- exploring odd and even numbers
- how to solve a variety of maths word problems.

Topic:

For the first half term our topic will be 'celebration of minibeasts'. This topic is running throughout the whole school and the children have already had a wonderful time hunting out minibeasts on the school grounds!

After May half term, we will choose topics inspired by the children's interests. We like to involve them in the planning of each topic and will keep you informed through Tapestry on what the children choose!

PE:

We have some very exciting sporting events to prepare for this term. We will spend time learning to country dance with a partner and practising many activities for Sports Day. The children will also be working on their ball skills e.g. throwing, catching, bouncing and kicking balls.

PSHE (Personal, Social and Emotional Development):

The two Jigsaw 'Puzzles' that we will be working on in our Circle Time sessions this term are-

- **Relationships-** This includes thinking about families and friendships and how we interact with those around us. The children will spend time discussing their feelings and they will learn about how they can help themselves and others.
- **Changing Me-** The children will learn about their body and they will think about how they have changed since they were a baby. Towards the end of the year we will also spend time discussing the transition into Year 1.

RE (Religious Education):

In our RE lessons we will be hearing stories from different religions and learning about different places of worship. The children will also be learning about Ramadan and Eid.

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.
- Library Books: These will now be swapped over when the children visit the library on a Wednesday. Therefore, library books need to be sent in to school on a Wednesday.
- Friday optional homework: We will once again be sending home practice sheets on a Friday, these will be a mixture of phonics, writing or maths. The sheets will support learning in class and you do not need to send them back in to us. You can however upload any work to Tapestry and we will gladly give your child a housepoint for work completed!
- Phonics Packs: We hope your child has enjoyed showing you their learning at home with the phonics packs. Please continue to practice these regularly, at least three times a week.

Important notes to remember:

- We have PE on a **Thursday** afternoon. Please ensure the PE kit is worn to school on this day and that all items of your child's PE kit are clearly named.
- In Reception, the children spend a large part of their day learning outdoors. Please ensure that they have a coat in school or a sunhat depending on the weather forecast. On warm days, please apply long lasting suncream to your child before school.

We look forward to another fantastic term!

Mrs Bailey & Miss Douglas