



Reception
SPRING TERM 2022
CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have had a restful winter break. We look forward to an exciting Spring Term and continuing to work with you and your child. This term our main focuses are dinosaurs, healthy bodies and traditional tales.

Maths	This term we will be exploring patterns within 5 and beyond and patterns which show 'one more'. The children will develop verbal counting to 20 and learn to order numerals. We will explore the composition of 6 and begin to learn that numbers within 10 can be composed of '5 and a bit'.
Literacy	The children will continue to follow the Read Write Inc phonics scheme. They will engage with daily phonics and begin to be introduced to digraphs. They will be learning how to spell and decode simple captions and made up of words with known letter-sound correspondences. They will learn how to read common exception words 'on-sight'. Children will continue their love of reading, learning about traditional tales and asking and answering simple questions about stories. Children will be encouraged to create and tell their own stories and supported to record these through pictures, words and labels. They will learn about some of the key features of non-fiction texts.
Personal, Social, Emotional Development.	The children will become more confident to try new activities and show resilience and perseverance in the face of challenge. Children will develop an understanding of their own feelings and those of others, and begin to regulate their behaviour accordingly. The children will learn about the different factors that support their overall health and wellbeing.
Physical Development	Children will develop their gymnastics skills and ball skills during PE sessions. They will continue to develop their fine motor skills including managing clothing fastenings, e.g. buttons and zips. They will begin to form letters correctly more consistently.
Communication and Language.	Develop communication skills by learning to organise their thinking, explain how things work and connect ideas using a range of connectives. We will explore non-fiction books and discuss these as a class and in small groups to develop deep familiarity of new knowledge and vocabulary. We will explore traditional tales and some in detail that the children will be able to recall the events of.
Understanding the World	Through our topics "Digging for Dinosaurs" the children will learn about dinosaurs, prehistoric animals, carnivores and herbivores, palaeontologists, fossils and Mary Anning. We will be learning about the celebrations Lunar New Year and Easter and where in the world they are celebrated. The children will learn about the past when looking at traditional tales as well as stories from other cultures.
Expressive Arts and Design	Children will develop their techniques for joining different materials and skills when using a range of tools. We will make a range of art work related to our different topics including junk modelling dinosaurs, dinosaur fossils, lanterns, The Three Billy Goats' bridge and Easter cards.

PE- Please send a PE kit in with your child to keep at school. We will send the PE kits home at the end of each short term. This should be black shorts, a plain white t-shirt and plimsolls.

Uniform- Please ensure your child has the correct uniform and footwear. Please ensure that all items are named. Earrings should be studs and no jewellery should be worn unless faith related.

Water- Children must bring a named bottle of water each day.

Homework - Your child is expected to read daily at home. Please ensure that you listen to them read and sign their reading diary. A choice of homework will be set half-termly and children should strive to complete as many of the activities as they can, we look forward to viewing and celebrating their work.

If you have any questions please feel free to come and speak to us or email the office.

Thank you for your continued support,
Early Years Team.