

Reception – Spring Term 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you had a lovely Christmas break with your families.

This handout will provide an overview of what your child will be covering this term, as well as homework expectations and general notices.

Curriculum Overview

Literacy

The book that we are exploring in literacy is 'The Magic Paintbrush'. During this unit, we will be building on our knowledge of phase 2 and 3 sounds, drawing and painting to record our ideas and writing in role of the main character. We will be orally retelling the story and creating our own version of the story.

Maths

This term, we will start by looking at 2D shapes and positional language before moving onto comparing numbers to 5. We will be combining 2 amounts and learning our number bonds to 10. We will then be moving on to look at measuring length and height and also capacity.

Understanding the World

The topic for our UTW lessons this term is 'People Who Help Us'. We will be learning about important people in our school, family and local community who support and care for us. We will also be considering how we can help those around us and be a positive force in the world.

RE

Our topic in RE this half-term is 'How Did Jesus Rescue People?'. We will be exploring stories from the Bible that show us how Jesus 'saved' those around him and helped those in need, including people who were hungry, ill or lonely.

PSHE

In PSHE we will be looking at the topic 'Dreams and Goals'. We will be discussing aspirations and how to achieve goals. We will be thinking about how to stay motivated when something is challenging and how we might feel when we do achieve something that we have persevered at.

Physical Development

We will be improving our fine motor skills by practising correct pencil grip and using small tools such as scissors, tweezers and paintbrushes. In PE will be focussing on striking and hitting using bats and balls.

Reading/Homework

- Weekly homework is uploaded onto Google Classroom at 3:30pm on a Wednesday. It is due back the following Wednesday at 9am.
- Library books are given out/to be returned every Thursday.
- **Your child's reading folder (containing their reading record and book) needs to be in their book bag every day.** They will have their reading book changed once a week.
- In Early Years and KS1, we expect 3 signatures and one written comment per week in your child's reading record. Please use the KS1 reading comprehension grid (found at the front of your reading record) to support your questioning during reading time. Please feel free to record any additional stories that you read in your child's reading record.

Uniform

- Please ensure that all items of your child's uniform are clearly labelled with their name so that they can be easily found if they are lost.
- Water bottles should be brought into class with your child's name on.
- Please make sure that your child is wearing the correct school uniform and following the guidelines for hair accessory colours.

Please make sure that you check Google Classroom regularly to view any important notices throughout the term.

If you require any further information or have additional questions, please contact the school.

Many thanks for your support,

Miss Cochrane