

Reception Curriculum letter – Spring 2017

Dear Parents, carers.

We would like to tell you about some of the things your child will be experiencing this term. In line with the **Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum** we will ensure activities create opportunities for children to **‘Play and Explore’**, **‘Actively Learn’** and **‘Think Creatively and Critically’** all of which are characteristics of effective learning.

In the **Early Years Foundation Stage** learning and development is divided into areas as set out below. However these areas intertwine and often overlap for example a Maths activity may include physical development and language development. Here are some of the fun activities your children will be doing.

PRIME AREAS

Personal, Social and Emotional Development



Children have settled well into their lunchtime routine last term. We have now introduced several lunchtime clubs including a sports club and a construction club.

To encourage cooperative play, taking turns, sharing and following rules we are introducing board games and puzzles. This also supports your child's ability to manage their emotions when losing and celebrate their success when winning.

We will be having a spring time disco when your child can come and have some fun with their friends.

How you can help? You could play games with your children at home, they don't always have to win!

Physical development

Following on from the success of Funky fingers last term we will be challenging the children to more intricate physical activities including sewing, working with wire, string and a variety of mark making equipment. All of this is crucial in supporting your child's writing.

Alongside this we will be inspiring your children to complete large physical challenges including visiting the trim trail and attending boot camp sessions.



How you can help? Encourage your child to draw pictures, make lists or just doodle! Take your child to the park, woods or any outdoor activity.

Communication and Language Development

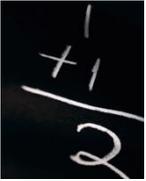


This term we are following children's interests and enthusiasms to develop children's language. We are starting this term with a transport area in Red room where children can make their own roadways, car parks and traffic jams! A robot themed blue room where children design and make their own robot as well as learning how to use our Blue Bot robots and a music themed Green room where children will play musical instruments, write their own music, listen to a variety of music and sing their favourite songs..

How you can help? Talk to your child about their day at school. Can they write or draw a picture about which room they like best?

SPECIFIC AREAS

Mathematics



We are introducing CLIC as part of Big Maths this term. We count in many fun ways and begin to use addition and subtraction. Your child will have 'learn its' each week.

We will be holding a Maths session when you can come and find out about CLIC and the fun maths activities you can do with your child. LOOK OUT FOR THE DATE IN THE NEWSLETTER.

In shape, space and measure it's all about language. Describing and noticing pattern and shape. We will be going on walks and setting up activities to develop this mathematical language.

How you can help? Practise counting and 'learn its' with your child. Notice patterns and shape around the house and when you're out and about. Can your child describe them?

Literacy Development



Your child will continue to work on the RWI programme and will have Fred time each day.

They may have their Fred time with a new teacher to ensure we can move their learning forward. Children will be introduced to high frequency words which they will bring home to practice reading.

They will also have hand writing and guiding reading sessions.

How you can help? Help your child read at home and share as many stories as possible.

Understanding of the world



We are looking at Technology this term and how it is used in many parts of our lives. We will be using talking tins, Blue bots and light tables to enhance the children's learning.

How you can help? Talk about the different items in your house that require electricity or batteries.

Expressive Arts and Design



We are looking at different genres of art and concentrating on adding detail to our art work to improve it, including pencil drawings and water colour paintings.

We are learning new songs that children really enjoy and towards the end of the term will be doing many music themed activities.

INFORMATION

Disco dates will be on your next newsletter

Maths information meeting – dates will be sent out ASAP

Reception Staff would like to thank you for your continued support.