

Reception Curriculum letter – Spring 2018

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

PRIME AREAS

Personal, Social and Emotional Development



We have now introducing several lunchtime clubs including construction club, creative club and garden club, dinner club and games 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 valentine 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 working with 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 Pet Parlour in Red room where children can; create an agility course for their dog, take their pet to the vet, have their pet groomed and play animal games. We have a book shop in Green room where children can buy books and toys using real money! In Blue room we will be looking at robots and magic tricks! Get your wands ready!

How you can help?. Talking and listening to your child as much as possible is the best thing you can do.

SPECIFIC AREAS

Mathematics



You will be receiving a maths bag each week this term. Have fun playing the games with your child and return by Wednesday.

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.

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? Practice 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.

They will also have hand writing and guiding reading sessions.

How you can help? Help your child do their homework 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.

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

Valentine disco dates will be on your next newsletter

Maths bags – DON'T FORGET TO RETURN MATHS BAGS ON WEDNESDAYS. We hope you are enjoying this fantastic resource.

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