

Reception class—Once upon a time... (Term 4)

Wow! We can't quite believe that the children are already starting their second half of their Reception year. This term we will continue our learning based on short mini topics with an overall focus on spring. Topic work will be based on Chinese New Year, 'We're going on a bear hunt', 'The three little pigs' and Easter.

All children have now been reassessed using our phonics assessment and a new book for your child's reading level will be sent home on the first day back. We will continue to change reading books and library books on a Monday. Children will also continue to receive an additional book on a Friday that they've read over the week during reading lessons. If they do read at home, please can the reading diary be signed each time they've read.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do send us a message via dojo or come and speak to us on the playground. We are always happy to help!

We are also setting the class a reading challenge to encourage them to read. If a child reads three times a week at home, then will get a stamp on a record sheet. Once they have received 5 stamps, they will be able to choose a book to take home and keep. Please ensure that diaries are signed whenever your child has read.

We also have a few dates/reminders for your diaries!

- **Mondays—PE** (Children to come into school in kit)
- **Wednesdays—Wood school** (PE and any additional clothing please, i.e. hat, welly socks, gloves)
- **Thursday 5th March—World book day.** Come to school in your pyjamas and bring a teddy!
- **Monday 16th March—Parents evening.** More details to follow via Parentmail.
- **Friday 13th March, 9:00-10:00—Mother's day breakfast.** Reception class would like to invite the Mums (or one different special person) in for breakfast to celebrate Mothering Sunday.
- **Monday 23rd March, 3-3:20—Book look.** Come and have a look at your child's work.

We are looking forward to another action-packed term.

Mrs Spencer, Mrs Hickey and Mrs Handley

Maths

In Maths, we will be working daily on number formation to 10, counting and bonds to 5. We will also focus on:

- Number bonds (pairs of numbers that make 10)
- Addition and subtraction facts to 10
- Doubles of numbers to 5+5
- Time—days of the week
- 2D and 3D shape
- Weight (heavy/light), Capacity (empty/full/nearly full)

Phonics

We will be using the sounds that we have learnt previously to read simple 3 and 4 letter words and some of the tricky 'red' words. We will also be consolidating digraphs sh, ch, th, qu, nk and ng as well as learning set 2 sounds (ay, ee, igh, ow, oo and oo (u)).

Alongside reading, we will be focusing on letter formation and using our super skills to write the initial sound in words as well as CVC (3 letter) and CCVC/CVCC words.

Talk 4 writing

Children will learn to sequence, retell and discuss a range of stories such as, 'We're going on a bear hunt' and 'The three little pigs'. We will be looking at writing simple lists and sentences based on the texts, with a focus on capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. We will also be learning some simple sentence starters to help in writing, such as 'I can see...' and 'It is...'

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Spring Term B

RE

In RE lessons, children will be learning about the story of Easter, through sequencing and retelling. We will be learning how Christians celebrate Easter and why. Lastly, we will be learning a song to perform in our Easter Church service.

EAD

EAD sessions will focus on developing knowledge many areas. These include colour mixing, drawing, painting, weaving and model making. Children will also be encouraged to access more Art, DT and music activities through our enhanced provision setup.

End of day texts

Farmer Duck—Martin Waddell
What the ladybird heard—Julia Donaldson
On the way home—Jill Murphy
Mr Wolf's Pancakes—Jan Fearnley

PSED

Jigsaw (PSED) will be entitled 'Healthy Me', with a focus on body parts and how to keep clean.

The children will also do a little bit of work on Stranger Danger and how to keep ourselves safe.

Understanding the World

In our Understanding the World sessions, we will be looking at how the plants and trees are changing as we move into Spring. The children will also look at different materials that we use, starting to name and describe them. We will also learn about festivals and celebrations of Chinese New Year and Easter.

Physical Development

Physical skills sessions will continue to take place on a Monday morning. Children will be learning to move in different ways such as hopping, skipping and climbing. They will also be learning to throw and catch beanbags, kick a ball and throw at a target.