



Reception Class Newsletter

Spring Term 2 : 2023

Welcome to our class newsletter! Please find below an overview of what we will be learning this half term. If you wish to speak to a member of the Reception Team, please speak to Mrs Brown, Mrs Keeley or Miss Flanagan.

Communication, Language and Literacy (CLL)

Reception children continue to make progress in daily Phonics sessions. Children are working to apply those skills to orally blend consistently and in turn to spell simple words, or having a phonically plausible attempt, within their early writing opportunities in provision and adult led tasks.

An after school parents workshop is planned for March 2nd 3.15-4. This will recover the basics of Read, Write, Inc, look at progression and next steps.

Physical Development (PD)

We are very lucky to be having Oldham Sport Development in school during the first week of the half term to provide Reception children with balance bike training.

The primary purpose of a balance bike is to teach a child to balance while they are sitting and in motion, which is the hardest part of learning to ride a bike! The training provides children with positive early experience of using bikes and improves their riding skills and awareness of their surroundings.

In our PE lessons we will focus on Gymnastics and games. In gymnastics, children will develop their basic gymnastic skills through the topic of 'animals and their habitats'. Through Games, children will learn how to score and play by the rules, how to work with a partner and begin to understand what a team is, as well as learning how to behave when winning and losing.

Understanding of the world (UW)

Within this half term we take a walk to Dunwood park to notice changes in the seasons from Autumn-Winter-Spring. We spot signs of spring and plant bulbs. Our overarching theme for Reception class this half term is Under the Sea. We find oceans/seas on our globe and compare sea creatures, fish and mammals (whales). We will learn more about and handle and observe types of fish, how they move, how they breathe. We make links to pets and finally we step back in history to learn about The Titanic and Plot the maiden journey on the globe.

Mathematics

Reception class access mathematic activities throughout daily provision and develop the concept of maths using the Mastering Number programme. Areas we are developing this half term include:

- Counting, ordinality and cardinality
- Composition
- Comparison
- Making pairs
- Measuring length and height using vocabulary such as longer, taller, shorter, wider and narrower.
- Ordering and sequencing important times with vocabulary such as now, before, later, then, soon, after and next.
- 3d shape and patterns

Reminders

- Reception get changed for PE on the **new day of Monday** and Tuesdays so they will need an indoor and outdoor kit. **Please ensure all clothing is clearly labelled to avoid any mix ups.**
- **Please ensure reading bags are brought in each day** to house things being taken home or brought to school.
- Reading books to share with your children are changed every two weeks, the first one back is this week **(22/02/23)** and then every two weeks from this date.
- Some children have taken home phonics Ditty sentence word sheets, these replace the phonics blending books your child had previously.
- Phonics blending books are changed every Friday so please ensure they are returned each week.

Dates for Parents workshops this half term: Wednesday 22nd February, Thursday 2nd March, Thursday 16th March. See the schedule that was sent home in January to see times and content. An app message will also be sent as a reminder of these dates. Our class assembly will be on Friday 24th March 2023 at 9am. If you would like to attend the assembly, enter the school via the main entrance after you have dropped your children off.

Thank you for your continued support.