

Reception



Autumn 2021 Curriculum Information

As soon as your child is settled into Reception, we undertake a baseline assessment of your child's abilities and understanding. This is used not only to measure the progress that your child makes over the course of the year, but more importantly helps us to quickly understand your child's strengths and areas for development. The assessment takes the form of observations in different learning areas. At the end of this year all your child will be assessed against the Early Learning Goals which include targets from across the Foundation Stage Profile.

Personal, Social and Emotional

This term we will be learning about social relationships and how we can take turns and make friends. We will be learning how to follow rules and follow the daily routines of school life. Children will be trying new activities and working on their independence within the classroom.

Communication, Language and Literacy

Your child will learn how to communicate effectively with others, negotiating and compromising in social situations as well as listening to others and demonstrating an awareness of the listener when speaking.

We will be looking at stories, rhymes and non-fiction texts that relate to feelings, families, keeping healthy, using our senses and about our bodies.

We will also be learning to:

- Use language for an increasing range of purposes
- Enjoy an increasing range of books and describe the events within them
- Know that information can be retrieved from books and computers
- Begin to form recognisable letters, write names, labels and captions
- Identify and write initial sounds of words.

Helping your child read

Read them a story and listen to them read every day. Your child will soon start bringing books home to read. Some books don't have words, so help your child to tell the story in their own words, so they understand how stories are constructed. Show them how we hold a book and turn the pages. Talk about what you can see and discuss links with their own lives. When they start getting books with words, they should read each book at least three times. This helps them to gain confidence and to see themselves as a reader. Remember if you were learning to play an instrument you would play each piece of music several times to perfect it. Once reading records have been signed three times the reading book will be changed, these are checked daily. A library book will also be issued once a week, once the previous book is returned on a **Thursday**.

Mathematical Development

In maths we will be learning to:

- Count and recognise numbers to 10 and beyond
- Begin to represent numbers using fingers, marks on paper or pictures
- Learning to subitise, recognising what numbers to 6 look like.
- Find the total number of items in two groups by counting all of them
- Say the number that is one more/less than a given number
- Compare lengths, weights and capacities

Helping your child count and calculate

Maths is part of our everyday life. You can help your child's mathematical development by counting out so they learn the pattern of counting, and by thinking about one more or one less. Let your child weigh and measure things at the shops or when you are cooking, talk about time and let them use money.

Knowledge and Understanding of the World

We will be developing an understanding of the concept of past and present. The children will find out about past and present events in their own lives, and in those of their families and the people they know. Children will be learning to describe their immediate environment using knowledge from observation, discussion, stories, non-fiction texts and maps. We will be taking a close look into the seasons and how our natural environment changes across the year.

Expressive Arts and Design

Our well-resourced creative area allows the children to use their imagination in art and design. This term children will explore and use basic artistic techniques. These will be taught through a sequence of sessions throughout the year. We will be experimenting with primary colours and how these can be mixed and changed. The children will also use their imagination in dance, role-play and story-telling. In music they will explore and engage with music making and singing familiar songs.

Physical Development

They will develop their fine and gross motor skills through a wide range of activities. They will use these skills to develop good techniques when drawing and writing. We will be introducing small and large scale equipment and modelling how to use these safely.

Helping your child

There are a number of other ways that you can help your child to achieve their full potential at school.

- Talk to your child about their day
- Aim for 98% attendance and arrive at school on time.
- Give them an appropriate breakfast.
- Make sure they go to bed at a reasonable time (and avoid 'screens' for at least half an hour before bedtime)
- Ensure they have all the right equipment for school.

Equipment:

Every day your child should bring to school:

- Named water bottle
- Reading book
- Reading record book
- Home School Notebook
- PE kit (should be left at school throughout the week)

Homework

Your child's homework will be based around preparing for or consolidating their learning this term. The homework scrap books will be given out at the beginning of each term. Children should complete 9 tasks before the end of term, one from each area. You can fill the scrapbook with drawings, photos, parent notes or children's work to collect evidence of homework.

In Reception, scrapbooks are collected in on Thursdays to check any homework that has been completed and so that we can share some of our home experiences with the class too. You may complete homework at your own pace throughout the term and there is no pressure for scrapbooks to be updated for the Thursday collection.

Google Classroom

Google Classroom logins have been provided within the recent letter you should have received. Please log into Google Classroom for updates on what we are learning and any other news or information that you may need to know regarding your child's learning. There is also further information on there about Bug Club, online reading books which are a great resource to explore with your child. Here they are individually issued books linked to their book band that they can choose from.

Learning Book

You will shortly receive your login details for your child's online learning journal. You may also download the Learningbook app which will provide you with some observations that are made by teachers of your child's learning. This is a great opportunity for you to begin to form conversation with your child about what they are learning and doing at school as well providing you with the chance to upload your own learning that is happening at home or just what you get up to at the weekends. The Learningbook will contain observational notes, photos and videos too.