

English

In English we will be reading stories and discussing characters, main events and settings. We will explore the stories 'The Colour Monster' and 'Elmer' in more detail. We will also be focusing on hearing sounds within words and matching these sounds to letters. The children will be developing their emerging writing skills which will be supported by our phonics sessions.

Phonics

The children will receive daily phonics sessions. During phonics we teach the children to read and write letter sounds, which will then lead onto blending sounds in order to read simple words.



Remember to check out our school website. Here you can find out about how we teach reading, phonics and writing, with some cool links and games too!

Tapestry

I hope that you have had chance to log onto Tapestry and see photos of your child's first few days at school. It is a fantastic way for us to keep you up to date with the learning experiences that your child is taking part in.

Please add your own photographs of your child's experiences outside of school as the children love sharing these with the teachers and class. The photos you add can be of anything that your child would like to share such as places you have visited or activities your child enjoys.

If you have been unable to access Tapestry please check your email inbox and your junk email box for the activation email. If you are still unable to find this please let me know and I can resend the activation email.

Year R Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term 2021



Welcome to Reception Class!

We have already had a super start to the term, with the children settling in well to 'big school'. I am really looking forward to teaching your child over the next year. The following information will help you in supporting your child's learning at home.

If you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to call or email me.

Year R Team: Mrs Leeks, Mrs Hayhurst, Mrs Pickles, Mrs Caslake and Mrs Harrison.

PE

In P.E the children will be focusing on yoga on a Monday and outdoor PE on a Tuesday. Please keep your child's PE kit in school all week in case of a timetable change and please ensure that all of your child's PE kit is labelled with their name.



Maths

We teach maths in a very practical and visual way so that children can connect their learning to real life contexts and situations. This term we will be exploring place value, practising rote counting and also counting objects accurately. We will be sorting objects into groups, comparing quantities and looking at one more and one less. We will also look at 2D shapes and begin to explore time by looking at our daily routines. The children will begin to take part in problem solving activities to deepen their understanding of number further.

Remember to check out our school website. Here you can find out about how we teach maths and much more!

Understanding the World

During this term we will be learning about 'People Who Help Us'. We will also be learning about some celebrations around the world, as well as exploring our own immediate environment through outdoor learning.

Following the cycle of learning about religions from across the world, this year all of the children across school will learn about both Christianity and Hinduism. Learning about the different cultures and beliefs from around the world has never been so important. If you have any artefacts or information, we would love to hear from you.

Safety and PSED

Developing social skills is very important during Reception year and the children will be working on their social skills not only through their on-going play but also through one to one, small groups and whole class discussions. This term the children will be encouraged to talk about their feelings and interests as well as listening to others.

This year the theme for Anti-Bullying week is 'One Kind Word'. Anti-Bullying Week runs from the 15th – 19th November. The aim is 'It starts with one kind word. It starts today.' During this week the children will learn about greeting each other, asking people how they are and that one kind word leads to another.. Children will learn that it takes a collective responsibility to stop bullying and together we can challenge bullying.

HeartSmart is an approach to build character, emotional health and resilience in children. It is a creative way to enable children to adopt a growth mindset whilst maintaining a healthy emotional epicentre. HeartSmart is about loving and accepting ourselves as well as loving and responding well to others. We continue to make our heart smart this term with the topic, 'Get HeartSmart'. This theme will help children grow in self-worth with a series of fun, interactive and practical lessons.

We will also continue to explore and promote British Values and life in Modern Britain.

Learning Challenge

Our whole school theme for the Autumn Term will be 'The Great Outdoors'. Our first Learning Challenge for the autumn term: *"Exciting Events"* We will start by focusing on the exciting event of starting school, using the book 'Colour Monster Starts School.' Then over the term we will look at other events such as birthdays, bonfire night and Christmas!

We will also be learning 'all about ourselves' so the children will have lots of opportunities to explore their own interests.



Story Time

As a school we are continuing to make a concerted effort to bring story time back! Children hearing stories from a range of authors and being given time to visualise and repeat them is important, and each class will finish the day with story time.

Expressive Arts and Design

This term the children will be given the opportunity to take part in various creative activities, focusing on exploring colour and texture. We will be creating our own colours monsters as well as exploring pattern through work around the story 'Elmer'. We will also be listening to and creating different sounds, as well as experimenting with movement to music.



Homework

Children will be bringing home reading books and reading journals. To start with these will be picture books so that they can practise telling a story, using the pictures as prompts. I kindly ask you to listen to your child read as often as you can and record this in their journal. Children will be listened to read in school throughout the week so will need to bring their reading book to school every day. Books will be changed on a Friday. At the front of your child's reading journal you will see some 'tricky words'. These are words for the child to practise over the year and into Year 1 so please do not feel they need to learn them all. We will be starting with 3 tricky words at a time and then building up as they become more confident.

The children will also have a library book for you to share with them to enhance their listening and understanding. Children can swap their library books on a Friday. Additionally you will find at the back of your child's reading journal log ins for 'Bug Club' and 'Spelling Shed'. These are online programs that will support your child with reading and spelling.

For maths children will be bringing home numerals 0-20 to practise reading both in and out of order. I how to support your child across all areas please see the EYFS section on our website.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

