



Reception Newsletter



SPRING TERM 1

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Welcome to Reception's third newsletter of the year.

We hope you had a lovely festive break and are looking forward to the New Year. Below is a brief summary of the things we will be covering over the next 5 weeks.

If you ever have any questions regarding information in the newsletter or just in general, please speak to a member of the Reception team or contact the school office who will direct your queries to us.

This half term our work and activities will be based around our topics **Winter, Space and Mental Health Week**

In week 1, we will explore the season of **Winter** and think about changes in the weather, animals and plants during this time of the year.

In week 2, we will begin our work on **Space**. We will observe the changes in the sky at different times of the day and learn to identify the sun, moon, and stars and say how they are different to Earth.

In Week 3, we will continue our work on **Space** and learn some interesting facts and historical stories and find out about Astronauts from the past and now.

In week 4, we will conclude our work on **Space** and focus on putting events linked to Space travel and Space developments in the correct order and using our knowledge to answer simple questions about Space.

Week 5, is **Children's Mental Health week**. During this week, we will explore what we can do to keep our bodies and minds fit and healthy; we will talk about our feelings and those of others; and we will discuss the importance of being resilient and persevering with tasks.

To support the teaching and learning of our key themes and ideas this term, we will be reading a range of fiction and non-fiction texts. Below is a list of some of the books that we will be reading:

One Snowy Night, The Dinosaur that Pooped a Planet, The Way Back Home, Here Come the Ailens, Tilda Tries Again, All About Space, What Do You See in Winter and Animals in Winter.

In Maths, we will continue following the White Rose Reception Scheme of Learning and the NCETM Mastering Number scheme of work. In weeks 1 and 2, we will complete Block 1, Alive in 5. In week 3, we will complete Block 2, Mass and Capacity. In weeks 4 and 5, we will complete Block 3, Growing 6 7 8.

We will continue with our daily adapted Read Write Inc phonics sessions and your child will receive weekly phonics homework and reading materials that are matched to your child's level of phonic attainment.

Last term, we started Drawing Club and the children loved participating in Adventure Time linked to our chosen story or animation of the week. This term, we will continue to create our own characters and settings and use our imaginations to create amazing adventure times. We will be encouraging the children to use their phonological knowledge to start writing simple phrases and to remember finger spaces in their writing.

Please remember to label all personal items and to provide a spare set of clothes and underwear in a labelled bag.

Please make sure that your child brings their reading folder and planner into school everyday and returns their library book on a Friday.

This term, both Reception classes will have PE on a Friday afternoon. Please make sure that your child's PE kit is in school by Friday.

Every Wednesday, we will be holding a Show and Tell session at the end of the day. Your child is invited to bring a small toy or something of importance to them, into school on that day so that they can share this with their peers.