

Reception Class

Newsletter Summer 2

The focus of this half term is 'Oh, the places we'll go', focussing on journeys and preparing for the transition to Year 1. Each week we will have a new book to read that builds on our theme, starting with 'The Gingerbread Man' and then depending on the children's interests we could go a number of directions. The week of our trip, we will read 'The Journey Home' and then we may take the direction of dinosaurs, dragons, fairytales etc.

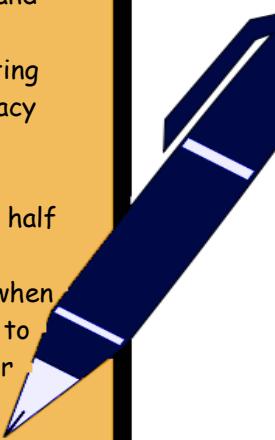
Literacy

Reading

The children are absolutely thriving in our phonics storybooks sessions. We are developing a range of reading skills such as comprehension, reading tricky words and we are beginning to read monosyllabic words. We are also working on innovating stories to create our own in our Literacy lessons.

Writing

We are refining our writing skills this half term by continuing to practice finger spaces, full stops and capital letters when writing sentences. We are also trying to build our stamina for writing ready for Y1.



Mathematics

White Rose Maths

We will be learning all about doubling, halving and sharing this half term. We will use books, mathematical equipment and Numberblocks to support our learning. We will also continue to practice our addition and subtraction skills and counting to 20 and beyond to understand numerical patterns. We will also learn about the patterns of odd and even numbers.

We will focus on deepening our understanding of shape, space and measure, further exploring capacity, measurement, weight, length and height.



Phonics

In phonics this half term, we will continue with 2 sessions Tues-Thurs and one session on a Monday and Friday.

Our main focus will be learning alternative versions of sounds we already know and beginning to learn when we should use them, for example knowing that the 'ay' sound would be 'ai' in the middle of a word or could be the split digraph 'a-e' like in make.

SUPPORT

Counting and ordering numbers to 20 at home.

Identify numerals in different environments.

Practical discussions around addition and subtraction.

Continue to read our reading books at home!

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Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This half term, we will work on identifying our own strengths and the strengths of others. We will also continue to work on negotiation and taking on others ideas to organise their activities. We will be preparing the children for the changes coming in their transition to Year 1.

Physical Development

In PE this half term, we will be thinking about team games. We will continue to develop our skills using a ball and safely negotiating the space.

We will also be refining our fine motor skills; we will be beginning to practice controlling our letter size and writing on lines. We will also be making sure our letters are formed correctly.

Communication and Language

We will be continuing to develop storylines in our play and taking others ideas into account to develop these. To develop our conversational skills this half term we will answer lots of different types of questions, including how and why questions, about the books we read which will help us to comprehend the books we are reading.

Understanding the World

We are continuing to use our planting area to help us learn about growing, our beans, peppers, tomatoes and cucumbers! The children are enjoying watering and looking after the plants. We will also be thinking about scientific concepts where we will be thinking about experiments and using new vocabulary such as floating and sinking.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will continue to offer the open-ended creative area for the children to develop their own interests. We will also be using this area to support with our maths learning. For example, painting one half of a butterfly then folding it to create a symmetrical butterfly.

Oh, the places we'll go - potential book choices

