



Curriculum Information for Parents Reception - Spring Term 2016

The Three Prime Areas

Personal Social and Emotional Development

The children will continue to develop their confidence to join in with a wide range of activities, contributing their own needs, wants, interests and opinions. They will continue to learn to respect the contributions and viewpoints of others and learn to give and receive compliments. They will build upon prior skills and knowledge developing their ability to consider the consequences of their words and actions.

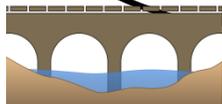
Communication and Language

The children will continue to develop their concentration and listening skills learning to maintain attention, concentrate and sit quietly during appropriate activities. They will be listening to, and joining in with, a wide range of stories, songs, rhymes and poems. During story telling sessions, the children will be playing with language and contributing their own ideas to make up stories, songs and rhymes. Children will be encouraged to communicate with their friends about a range of topics, listening to others and asking appropriate questions.

Physical Development

The children are becoming independent at dressing and undressing, as well as managing their own personal hygiene. Please continue to support us in helping the children to develop these skills. There will be lots of opportunities to think about and discuss healthy choices this term. They will have opportunities to roll, gather, throw and catch balls and other equipment. The children will develop their fine motor control continuing to build up strength in their hands through a range of activities (such as manipulating modelling materials). They will be improving their pencil control so they can form recognisable letters.

So far this term, the children are interested in..... Bridges, Making Books, Traditional Tales and Shoe Shops.



Other Information:

Books

Your child should change their reading book in class most days. If you are able to come in with them in the mornings, this is an ideal time to choose a book together. Guided reading books will be changed once a week.

Suggestions to help your child at home...

- A child's vocabulary and their ability to communicate have a huge impact on their learning and achievement in both the long and short term. Making time to talk with children is very important. Make sure you give your child time to think and respond as they will often take longer to process language than adults.
- Don't forget to look at our blog regularly for lots of links, photos and information about what we are learning in class. This can be a great way to start a conversation about school with your child.
- Continue to read with your child and practise reading the keywords that are sent home. Set children the challenge of finding some of these words in the books you share.
- Try to use words like more, less, add and take away as well as counting objects in practical situations like shopping with children.

The Four Specific Areas

Mathematics

The children will continue to develop their counting skills and number recognition. In a range of practical activities and games, they will be using, and responding to, the language of addition and subtraction. The children will also investigate 2D and 3D shape, develop their knowledge of money and time and continue to investigate pattern.

Literacy

The children will continue to learn how letters relate to the sounds in words. They will be encouraged to listen carefully to the different sounds they can hear in words and begin to use this skill when involved in a wide range of early writing tasks. They will be reading and talking about a range of books, discussing characters, settings and stories.

Understanding the World

The children will continue to learn about and discuss people and places in the school, their local area and around the world. They will draw simple maps and representations of places they know. They will be encouraged to ask and answer questions about the things around them as well as talking about similarities, differences, patterns and changes in things that they observe. They will be encouraged to discuss significant experiences in their home lives. They will learn about the past and present in their own lives and in the lives of people in their family. They will begin to learn that computers can help us find out about things.

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will be encouraged to explore different ways to join and fix materials together. They will be given opportunities to draw and paint from observation, being encouraged to look closely and represent what they see. They will continue to explore different media and materials. The children will be using their imaginations and making up stories, songs and poems. They will be using percussion instruments to accompany stories and songs.