



The smallest of all seeds becomes the largest of the garden plants

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CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2 RECEPTION

The Great Outdoors!

Welcome to Reception! This half term, our topic theme is The Great Outdoors. We will explore the outdoor environment, while developing curiosity and language. Throughout this topic we will access a wide variety of fiction and non-fiction texts!



Children will continue with Phase 4 whilst still consolidating Phase 3 in Little Wandle Letters and Sounds scheme. They will continue with weekly Drawing Club and handwriting to reinforce correct letter formation.

Maths

In Maths we will be:

- To be able to discuss and copy more complex repeated patterns
- To explore numbers to 20 and exploring different practical ways to build them.
- To be able to practically demonstrate and discuss how quantities change by adding more.
- To be able to practically demonstrate and discuss how quantities change by adding more and subtracting.
- Verbally count beyond 20, recognising the pattern of the counting system.

Communication and Language

Children will be building confidence in their conversational skills through back-and-forth exchanges. We will be encouraging and modelling the correct use of tense when discussing sequence and events. This term we will continue to broaden our vocabulary and language skills.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will continue to promote positivity where children can build a can-do attitude! We will deepen our understanding of how we can resolve problems and conflicts. Children will be encouraged to set targets and reflect on their progress in achieving them.

Understanding the World

Children explore the natural world through outdoor learning and a farm visit, observing animals, plants, and seasonal change. They develop curiosity, use new vocabulary, and begin to understand where food comes from and how to care for living things and the environment.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will explore which primary colours are mixed to make secondary colours. We will listen attentively, move to and talk about music, dance and performance art, expressing our feelings and responses. We will independently select tools to add detail to pictures and models. We will then review, adapt and evaluate.

Physical Development

In our PE we will continue to explore our new topic following the Complete PE framework. Within our fine motor skills, we will form most capital and lower-case letters correctly using a tripod grip. Children will also continue to develop their use of a knife to cut food.

Phonics

In phonics, the children are now working within Phase 4. This phase focuses on consolidating all the phonemes they have already learned. The children practise using their knowledge to read and spell longer words and those with two or more consonants together, such as crisp, sprint, string.



Reading at home

Please continue to read regularly at home. Children receive a new book on a Monday and read it with staff throughout the week. This is so when it goes home on a Friday, they have built fluency and confidence. Please do not worry if your child is sight reading their book, this is encouraged. Please then deepen your child's understanding through questioning them about the story and characters. You can find examples of questioning at the back of the reading book.

Homework

As we move into the last term homework will vary due to children's learning. We will still send our Little Wandle reading sheet as set by the scheme and other various pieces. This is just to consolidate children's learning and can be returned the following Friday. Children receive points for any returned homework which goes towards our weekly prize box initiative.

P.E

Our P.E session will continue to take place on a Wednesday. As we return in Summer, please ensure your child has clothes suitable for indoor and outdoor PE.



Seesaw

Please ensure you have access to our home school learning app 'Seesaw' as we continually share photographs of our learning and activities.

Please speak directly to a member of the Reception Team if you need any additional information.

We just want to say a big thank you for all your continued support you have shown across the year, and we are excited, and a little shocked, to be already moving into our last term of Reception!

Reception Team