



Reception Spring Term 2019 Information

Literacy

In literacy we will be continuing with our daily phonic sessions to support the children's reading and writing as well as our daily Funky Fingers to support and teach pencil grip, control and handwriting. The children's writing will be focused around our topic, writing words and beginning to write simple sentences. They will continue to have access to a range of writing materials for free writing including books, cards, lists, invitations and letters. If you are writing with your child at home please ensure they are holding their pencil correctly and firmly. Please also encourage writing in lower case letters apart from at the start of their name. Tricky words will continue to be checked fortnightly; we check your child knows their words independently in their reading and phonic games.

Maths

In maths we will be continuing recognising and ordering numerals 1-20 and beyond and working on knowing 1 more and 1 less of any number. We will be learning to add and subtract to 10 then 20, using objects and number lines for support to solve simple maths problems. We will be looking at weight, length and height and comparing sizes as well as introducing 3D shapes.

Cornerstones

Our new theme this term is 'Are We There Yet?'. We will be starting this theme week commencing 21 January. We will be sending a letter home next week with more information including ways to support your child at home with this theme.

Key reminders

Outdoor Classroom: Outdoor Classroom will continue every week on Fridays. If we ever need to change our plans for outdoor classroom because of special events, children should continue to come in non-uniform on Fridays. As we are in Winter please ensure your child has appropriate warm & waterproof clothing to wear outside including wellies (all labelled!).

Tapestry Learning Journey: As you are aware Tapestry Learning Journeys are updated at the beginning of each term. Thank you to parents who have added photos, videos, and comments about their child's learning. We have seen children reading, writing, dancing, singing, counting, growing and lots of holiday fun. If you are having trouble accessing Tapestry to view your child's learning please see Miss Croft.

Parent Helpers: Now that the children have settled we would love some Parent Helpers, especially to listen to children read and read to children. Parent help with reading, playing games, art and craft activities and school trips is always valued. If you have a spare morning or afternoon, or even an hour, and would like to come and help out in Reception please come and speak to us. All volunteers who come into school require a DBS check; this is free and simply requires some forms to be completed in the school office

Junk Materials: We are desperate for yogurt pots, cardboard tubes (not toilet rolls) and small sized boxes. Please ensure they are clean because the children use these to build models with.

Key dates for the spring term

Stay and Play: Stay & Play sessions will continue this term. You are welcome to stay from 8.50am to 9.15am to join your child on a focused activity that help raise your awareness of how we are teaching in the Early Years, how your child is learning across the curriculum and how you can promote learning through play at home. This term will be running on a **Wednesday** morning:

16 th January	30 th January	13 th February
6 March	20 th March	3 rd April

Friday 18th January – PTFA School Disco

Monday 18- Friday 122 February - Half Term – 1 week

Friday 8th March – PTFA Quiz Night

Friday 5th April – End of Term – 2 week half term

Thank you for your support,

Miss Croft, Mrs Katene & Mrs Hawkins