



Reception Spring Newsletter



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Hello,

We hope you had a lovely, restful Christmas and enjoyed your time with family and friends.

The children have settled well back into school and have thoroughly enjoyed STEAM week. A highlight of the week was the trip to the 'Museum of Science and Industry' which allowed the children to explore different areas of interest. The children have also enjoyed learning new skills such as sewing and weighing, as well as developing their understanding of how to respect and care for animals. There are lots of exciting learning opportunities planned for the Spring term which I am sure your children will enjoy! We look forward to working with you throughout this busy term.

What the Children will be learning

This term our topics include: winter; looking at polar regions, penguins and seasonal changes in winter. One of the books we will focus on is 'Lost and Found' which the children were lucky enough to see at the theatre last half term! After the half term our learning will focus on Africa, animals in the Savannah and life in a different country. We will finish the term with a focus on Easter.

In EYFS there are 7 areas of learning and development (indoors & outdoors) so your child will be outside and inside every day. Please ensure they have a waterproof coat and extra layer (cardigan or jumper) even on warm days as it can turn chilly.

PE, Waterproofs & Outdoor clothing

Thank you for ensuring your child has wellies and waterproofs in school, this allows us to access outdoor learning whatever the weather and also for us to enjoy messy play. Could we also ask that children have gloves and hats, so they can enjoy their outdoor learning even on the colder days!

PE kits need to be in school for the whole of the term. We will have PE on **Wednesday mornings**. Please ensure all items of clothing are labelled.

Upcoming Events

STEAM Week

W/b 8th January

RE Theme Day

Friday 26th January

Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 6th February

Half Term

Monday 12th – Friday 16th

Term Begins

Monday 19th February

Parent, Teacher Consultations

Tuesday 20th February, 2:30 – 5:30pm

Wednesday 21st February, 5 – 7:30pm

World Book Day

Thursday 7th March

'Journey through Easter' Day

Wednesday 27th March

Easter Service

Thursday 28th March, 9:15am
St John's Church

Term Ends

Thursday 28th March

Handwriting

Many of the children are now beginning to write independently and with increasing confidence. We are having a big push this term on our handwriting and letter formation. For those children who find forming letters difficult and/or holding a pencil there are many activities they can do at home to help improve this such as; threading beads, playing with plasticine/ strong playdough, joining in with Dough Disco (videos on YouTube!), using scissors to cut different shapes and lines as well as colouring and tracing. We are focusing on children forming their letters correctly and when they are writing including finger spaces between each word. We will send the letter formation rhymes learnt in phonics home to help support writing at home. Again, if you would like any advice on how to support your child please do come and speak to us.

Phonics/reading

We are now learning the phase 3 phonemes in school. We will continue to send home the grapheme flashcards and tricky words for your child to practise at home. Children read three times weekly with an adult in school. Please ensure they read regularly at home and their reading diary is signed **at least four times** per week.

Tapestry

We hope you have all been able to access Tapestry and see your child's learning journal. It would be appreciated if you could upload observations of your child and their achievements at home. These could be things such as swimming, riding a bike, baking etc. We then share these moments in the class on a Friday afternoon and the children enjoy talking about and celebrating their successes with their friends.

Water bottles / Snack

Please can we remind you, that it is important that your child has a water bottle in school every day so they can have access to water. Children are provided with a snack each day, so do not need to bring their own. Sometimes the children will also be offered milk.

Further support / Questions

If you do have any questions, or would like to talk about how you can support your child at home please don't hesitate to contact us. We would be happy to speak to you over the phone or you can email to arrange a mutually convenient time to meet.

Thank you, The Reception Team 😊

