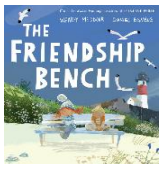
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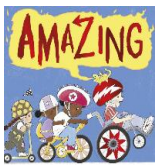
Autumn 1: Curriculum Overview

Welcome to Reception. This overview has been designed so you have an idea of what your child will be doing this half-term. Our main priority will be to make sure your child is happy and settled and we can't wait to get started!

Literacy- Key texts

This half term, we will read the texts 'Amazing' by Steve Antony and 'The Friendship Bench' by Wendy Meddour. Using these stories, we will look at starting school, making friends, showing kindness and exploring differences between ourselves and families within the stories.
This term, we will send home reading books. They will be changed on a Monday by putting them





into the box outside the classroom. Children are not expected to be able to read these, but by encouraging them to handle the book correctly, pointing to the words (1-1 correspondence) and recalling the repetition they will be developing the vital skills to becoming a reader. We will hold a phonics and reading workshop on Wednesday 1st October at 9.10am but any questions in the meantime, please do ask.

Phonics: We will start our phonics programme 'Sounds-write'. This is taught as a whole class, each day. During these carpet sessions, children will learn sounds and begin to write words. Unit 1: a, i, m, s and t. Unit 2: n, o and p. Unit 3: b, c, g and h.

Maths

This half term we will learn to count, compare and order sets of objects. We will introduce children to the term 'Subitising' (say how many there are in a small group of objects- 'just seeing' and knowing straight away without needing to count). We will look at number recognition within 10 and naming 2D Shapes.

Understanding the World

This half term we will be learning about similarities and differences between now and in the past. We will also be discussing our immediate family members and describing people who are important to them. We will share the all about me posters.
We will also introduce maps and look at our look environment, naming features and spotting the signs of Autumn.

Expressive Art and Design

This half term we will explore colour through mixing colours. We will also develop our drawing skills by drawing our family and ourselves.

Personal, social and emotional development

Transition- We will be ensuring that the children have a smooth transition into Reception. The children will learn the expectations of School and be taught how to use the equipment. They will learn how to keep themselves and others safe at School. They will learn about routines and become familiar with lunchtime. We will encourage them to be independent.
We will be following the Think Equal programme to explore the children's sense of self using books to support this. Think Equal is a curriculum that supports social and emotional development in the early years. It is rooted in mental health and social justice and aims to build a strong foundation for individual and societal progress.

Think Equal helps children learn, to:

- Manage their own emotions and impulsive behaviours
- Build their confidence and self-esteem
- Have empathy and show consideration for others
- Solve problems effectively and learn to resolve conflicts peacefully
- Build critical thinking skills and make responsible decisions
- Maintain healthy relationships and learn to collaborate

We are now proud to be a Rights Respecting Gold School. As the new term begins, each class will design their own class charter. A charter is a visual document that establishes an agreed set of rights-based principles upon which relationships can be based and which provide a language for shared values.

Important Dates

Reception baseline- As discussed in our transition meetings, we will be conducting the Reception baseline assessment during the first 6 weeks. For more information please refer to- https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/64f5e8b29ee0f2000db7be4f/2023_Information_for_parents_reception_baseline_assessment_WEBHO.pdf
PE day: Monday- children to come into school dressed in their PE kit (black shorts/joggers, white t-shirt and trainers. School jumpers/cardigans please- no hoodies).
Flu Vaccines- Tuesday 15th September
Reading and Phonics workshop- Thursday 1st October at 9.10am- more information to follow
Reception height and weight checks- Friday 2nd October- more information to follow
Wear Red Day (show racism the red card) – Friday 16th October 2026
PTA Halloween Disco- Thursday 22nd October
Half Term- school closes on Friday 23rd October and reopens Monday 2nd November