

Reception Spring 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Happy New Year!

We hope you've all had a wonder Christmas break and are looking forward to the Spring term in Reception! Our half termly newsletter outlines our curriculum focus for this half term and key reminders.

Mrs Grainger

Communication & Language

We will be practising holding back and forth conversations this half term and using our listening skills to respond to what someone else has said. We will also be focusing on developing our explanation skills. We will utilise time in Show & Tell to practise our Oracy skills.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

This half term we will be focusing on the topic 'Keeping Safe'. We will look at how to keep ourselves safe, keeping safe online, listening to our feelings and discussing who helps keep us safe.

We will also be looking at the importance of gratitude and appreciation in our *My Happy Mind* module.

Physical Development

We will work on our fine and gross motor skills in continuous provision daily.

In PE, Mr Ridge will be teaching us how to jump, balance and throw underarm. We will also be focusing on fundamental movement skills.

Literacy

This half term will start learning Phase 3 phonic sounds and tricky words. We will continue to learn to blend to read and begin to read with more fluency. We will be looking at story maps and using them to support creating our own versions of familiar stories.

Maths

We will continue to develop our subitising and counting skills and explore the composition of numbers within and beyond 5. We will begin to identify when two sets are equal or unequal and connect two equal groups to doubles. We will begin to connect quantities to numerals.

Understanding the World

We will look at states of matter – exploring melting and freezing. We will also be finding out about the people who help us in our community and have some special visits from a Doctor, Paramedic and Veterinarian!

Expressive Art & Design

This half term, we will be discovering our expressive skills. The children will role-play our Literacy stories, retelling them using puppets, masks and props!

Reminders

What to bring – Please can all children bring a named water bottle, bag, waterproof coat, hat and gloves to school each day.

Book Bags – Please can you ensure your child brings their Harris book bag to school every day. This must be clearly labelled with their name.

Reading Packs – Please ensure your child's plastic wallet containing their reading diary, library book and reading book (if they have been given one) comes into school each day.

PE – PE is on Thursday mornings. Children should come into school in their PE kit. Long hair must be tied back and earrings must be removed or covered up. Please name your child's tracksuit top and trainers!

Names – *Please remember to write/stick your child's name on all their belongings, including water bottles, shoes, hats, gloves and scarves. Children can become upset when they cannot find their own belongings and all the jumpers/cardigans look the same!*