



Reception Newsletter

Spring 1

General welcome

Welcome back after Christmas break, we hope you had a lovely time. This is an exciting time as your child embarks on their educational journey and we are committed to making this a positive and enriching experience for both you and your child.

Our Learning Environment

In Reception, we focus on creating a safe, nurturing, and stimulating environment where children can explore, discover, and learn through play and structured activities. Our curriculum is designed to support all areas of your child's development, including social, emotional, physical, and cognitive growth.

Daily Routine

Our daily routine includes a mix of teacher-led activities, child-initiated play, and outdoor exploration. This balance helps children develop independence, creativity, and a love for learning. Here is a brief overview of a typical day in Reception: 8:45-9:00am Register and morning jobs, 9:00-9:30am Phonics, 9:30-10:10 Continuous Provision, 10:10-10:30 Toast and Story, 10:30-11:00 Literacy, 11:00-11:30 Outdoor play, 11:45-12:45 Lunch, 12:5-13:00 Register, 13:00-13:30 Maths, 13:30-14:15 Continuous Provision, 14:15-15:00 UTW/Music/PSHE. Changes daily. Hometime. PE is on Friday.

Communication

We believe that strong communication between home and school is essential for your child's success. Here are some ways we keep in touch and involve you in your child's learning. We have an open Door Policy: so feel free to speak with us if you have any questions or need to discuss anything about your child's experience. We also send out messages and key information on school spider. We will be posting weekly communication diaries on school spider about our week in Reception for you too see.

Key Dates

- School reopens 6th January.
- Class Photographs 13th January.
- Children's mental health week- 9th February.
- Safer Internet day- 10th February.
- Yoga sessions- 12th February.
- Valentines disco- non uniform £1.- 12th February.
- School closes- 13th February.

Reading

All children now have their reading books and diaries, these should be in school everyday. Please try and read with your child at least three times a week and record it in their diaries.

Children also have their library books which can be changed in school on Thursdays.

PE Reminders

PE lessons in Reception will take place on Friday mornings. Please ensure your child has their full PE kit with them in school at all times.

The children will be reminded to take their kits home at the end every half term for a wash. Please return their P.E kits on the first day back after a school holiday ready for their next P.E lesson.

Keep up to date....

Weekly news and photographs will be shared on School Spider through a Group Conversation. Please look out for a notification of these updates.

ENGLISH

This half term we are beginning to work on writing CVC words to build sentences in the form of caption writing, instructions, descriptions and listing.

The children will have access to a range of exciting stories each week that spark interest for writing and thinking about different themes.

MATHS

In Maths we will be doing lots of counting and playing number recognition games. Please help by counting anything and everything with your children. Mathematics - This term we will be:

- Introducing and understanding zero.
- Subitising 0-5.
- Understanding one more and one less.
- Exploring mass and capacity.
- Subitising and conceptualizing 6,7,8.

PHONICS

In phonics This half term we will continue with Super Sonic Phonic Friends Basics 2.

Basics 2 - Children will begin the learning the sounds of letters in the following order:

s, a, t, p, I, n, m, d, g, o, c, k, e, e, r, h, b, f, l, ff, ll, s and ss

Children will learn to blend and segment simple CVC words using these sounds in their reading and writing.

Our Curriculum Overview

KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORLD

This half term we are learning about Arctic habitats and the animals that live there, focusing on penguins.

We will be exploring Chinese New Year and the traditions behind it.

Our Science topic is: Keeping healthy where we will cover topics on mental health and physical health.

COMMUNICATION AND LANGUAGE

This half term, we will use Talking pictures to describe what we can see. We will also share news on Mondays and after school holidays.

We will begin working on our question asking in circle times as well.

EXPRESSIVE ART

This term we offer a diverse range of art activities:

Junk Model Boat Making.

Making Arctic Habitats.

Making model penguins.

Grufallo puppets.

Chinese New Year lanterns.

Valentines day cards.

PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL

Our Topic this term is: Keeping Safe.

- Learning about my feelings.
- Keeping myself safe.
- People who can help me.

Home Learning

Take a look at the story books we are covering this term:

English & Maths

Homework will now be set on a termly basis using a 'Pick and Mix' style document, which can be found on our website. There will be enough tasks for children to choose 1 per week. We would like to encourage you to upload photographs of any work completed to Purple Mash towards the end of the term, so that we can celebrate children's achievements by sharing in class. There is a step-by-step guide on the Reception class page for this.

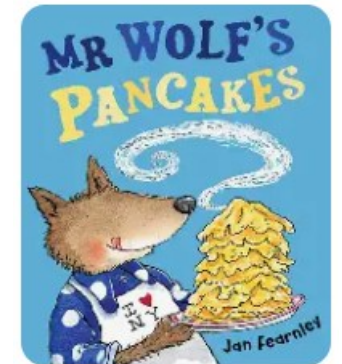
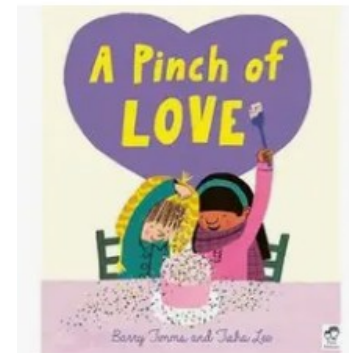
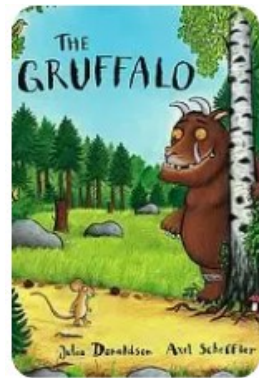
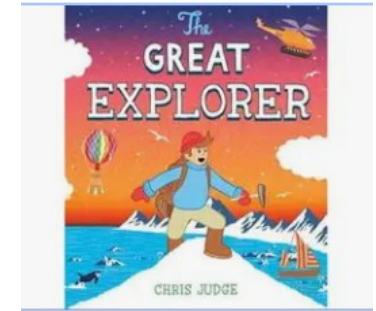
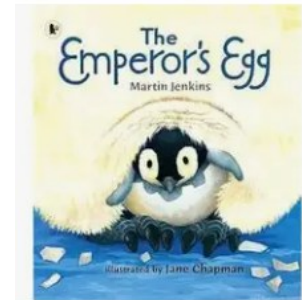
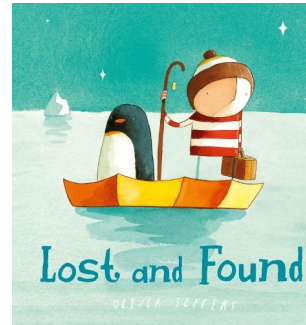
Phonics/Spelling

We will begin to teach 'Supersonic Phonic Friends' Phonics this term. It would greatly help your child understand the purpose of phonics if they regularly look for letters and signs all around them, e.g. the T in Tesco.

As well as phonics, we are practicing name writing in class. Any extra practice at home would be greatly appreciated.

Please access our phonics teaching videos on our website

<https://www.jamesbrindleyprimary.com/phonics/>



Online Resources

This half term we will be doing lots of counting and playing number recognition games. Please help by counting anything and everything with your children.

Click on the link to find lots of fun maths games you can enjoy at home.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?Subject=16&AgeGroup=1>