



Reception Newsletter

Summer 1

General welcome

We are thrilled to welcome you and your child to our Reception class! 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:

8:45-9:00- Register and settle in. 9:00-9:30- Phonics, 9:30-10:10 Continuous provision, 10:10-10:30 Toast and Milk. 10:30- 11:00 Literacy. 11:00-11:30 Outdoor provision. 11:30-11:45 Wash hands and go to lunch. Lunch 11:45-12:45. 12:45-13:00 Register. 13:00-13:30- Maths. 13:30- 14:30 indoor and outdoor continuous provision. 14:30-15:00 UTW/Music/PSHE which changes daily. 15:00-15:15 get ready to go home.

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.

Key Dates

- Sports week 18th- 22nd May.
- Sports Day- 19th May.

Reading

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

Children also have their library books which can be changed in school every Thursday.

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

In English we will focus on a story and explore the elements of it, e.g. the characters, the beginning, the middle and the ending.

We will be developing our ability to be able to talk about and retell a story. We will also introduce authors, illustrators and what their role is in creating a story.

Through a range of fiction and non-fiction texts, children will complete activities such as:

- Fact files.
- Independent writing
- Life cycle description.
- Sentence building with capital letters, full stops and finger spaces.

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:

- Counting from 10-20 and beyond.
- Composition and subitising numbers.
- 2d and 3d shapes.
- Addition and subtraction.

PHONICS

In phonics This half term we will begin Super Sonic Phonic Friends Basics 3 whilst also recapping basics 2.

Basics 3 - Children will begin learning the sounds of letters in the following order:

J,v,w,x,y,z,zz,qu, ch,sh,th,ng,ai,ee,igh,
oa,oo,oo,ar,or,ur,ow,oi,er,ure,ear,air.

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

The children will be introduced to the basics 3 tricky words and will focus on digraphs and trigraphs.

Our Curriculum Overview

KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORLD

This half term our science topic is animals, where we will be learning all about animals around the world and different habitats.

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 in group circle times to build confidence and ability to talk about events. We are beginning to focus on questioning also.

EXPRESSIVE ART

This term we offer a diverse range of art activities:

- Observational drawing.
- Clay
- Collages
- Planting

PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL

- Circle time discussions about feelings and experiences.
- Games and activities that promote teamwork and sharing.
- Personal hygiene skills.
- Our PSHE topic - Growing and changing.
- Finance education.

Home Learning

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.

Please also practice tricky words using the children's bookmarks.

Phonics/Spelling

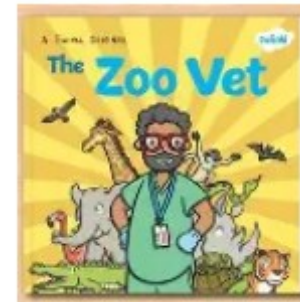
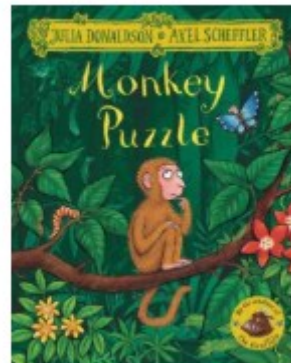
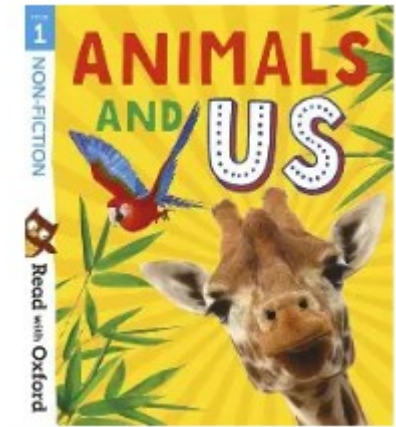
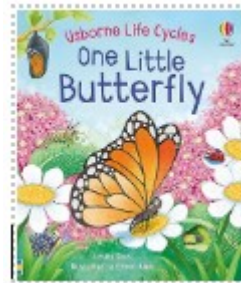
We will begin to teach 'Supersonic Phonic Friends' Phonics this term. It would greatly help your child understand the purpose of phonics if they regularly look for letters and signs all around them, e.g. the T in Tesco.

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/>

To further support independent reading for pleasure, take a look at the suggestions below that are linked to specific topics and authors we are focusing on this half term:



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>