

Reception Class Curriculum Newsletter-Summer term

Welcome back from what I hope was a lovely Easter break! We are going to be doing lots of exciting things in Reception during this summer term that we hope you will enjoy supporting your child with.

We had so much fun with our Safari topic last term and I hope you enjoyed learning facts about some of the animals that we learnt about. We are very excited to learn more about our elephant, Nemo, and I will keep you all up-to-date with all that we find out about him. Our first topic this term is *Dinosaurs* and we have our very own dinosaur investigation station! This week all of our dinosaurs went missing and went to an island! We had to send messages in a bottle to help rescue them. Today we had some clues to help us find our first dinosaur and we are hoping to find some more next week...and who knows what else the dinosaurs might bring back from the island for us!! Keep an eye on the website next week to see if we discover anything!

Below are our main learning intentions in the different areas of the Foundation stage that we will be focusing on and ideas of how you could support your child with these at home too, should you wish to.

Communication and Language

We will be developing our skills to follow instructions involving several ideas or actions and to answer and ask 'how' and 'why' questions about our experiences and in response to stories or events. You could support this at home by questioning the children about their books and their play (especially construction activities).

Physical Development

We will learn to know the importance for good health, physical exercise, and a healthy diet and talk about ways to keep healthy and safe at home and in school. You might like to ask your child to help you with some home cooking or to do a food shop, this might help them to understand more about healthy food choices.

Mathematics

We will be ensuring that we are secure in our ability to solve addition and subtraction problems. We will be learning to count in 2s, 5s and 10s and we will also be learning to use everyday language to talk about size, weight, capacity, time and money. If possible please let your child pay for, weigh and measure lots of different things.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will be learning to safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function. At home you could encourage your child to develop their scissor control and understand the need for safety when using different

Personal, social and emotional development.

We will be making sure that we play co-operatively with other children and remember to take turns with others. We will be thinking about different ways that others help us, and develop ways that we can help each other and our community. Please let me know of any WOW things that you do to help our community!

Literacy

We will continue to enjoy lots of different stories and songs and applying our phonics knowledge to write sentences that can be read by both an adult and ourselves. We will also be focusing on using our tricky words correctly in our independent and guided writing. Please give the children lots of opportunities to write for any and every purpose at home too!

Understanding the world

We will be learning about similarities and differences in relation to places, objects, materials and living things. We will make observations of animals and plants and explain why some things occur.
Encourage children to see what they can see in the environment around them and be inquisitive asking questions and finding out answers!

Please remember to continue to support your child across the curriculum, not only with their Learning Logs and other reading, writing and maths activities, but to also foster their imagination, inquisitive nature and explorative play!!

If you have any questions at any time, please do feel free to talk to a member of the Reception team or pop a note in the contact book. We look forward to a fantastic and (hopefully) sunny summer term with your child!

Miss Allen and the Reception team :)