

Reception Curriculum Overview

Spring 1 2021

In Reception your child will be learning skills, acquiring knowledge and demonstrating their understanding through 7 areas of learning and development. Children will mostly develop the 3 prime areas first. This should help them develop in the 4 specific areas:

Prime Areas	We will be learning	How you can help
Communication & Language	<p>The children will be encouraged to listen attentively in a range of situations when partaking in their online learning and will be asked to feedback their thoughts through different media such as technology, writing and mark making.</p> <p>In speaking, children will have various opportunities through their learning to discuss their thoughts, feelings and events. This half term we will be starting our Phase 3 Phonics which again will help children to properly articulate their sounds, and in turn helping with their communication and language.</p>	<p>Please aim to read with your child for 10 to 15 minutes every day, encouraging them to talk about what is happening in the story by looking at the pictures and discussing the sequence of the stories (what happens at the beginning, middle and the end).</p> <p>Reading to your child is also brilliant in helping the children with their comprehension.</p>
Physical Development	<p>We will also be learning all about leading a healthy lifestyle. This term this will include learning all about germs, how we keep clean and healthy and why this is important.</p> <p>Weekly PE sessions can be completed through 'PE with Joe' (found on Youtube) and through various other activities that will be set weekly such as yoga.</p>	<p>Encourage your child to fasten their coat, put on their shoes and independently get dressed and undressed at home.</p> <p>Talk about how they can be healthy at home – eating healthy food and doing daily exercise.</p> <p>Practice writing their name and mark making to develop fine motor skills.</p> <p>Riding bikes and scooters are good for the children's coordination.</p> <p>Using balls, bats and various different outdoor equipment is also brilliant for developing their gross motor skills, coordination and spatial awareness.</p>
Personal, social & emotional development	<p>In PSHE we will be exploring keeping healthy and exploring what the term 'germ' actually means. Various experiments and activities will be set to help children understand the importance of keeping clean, healthy and safe in our 'current world'.</p>	<p>Encourage your children to discuss their thoughts and understanding of what is currently happening around them.</p> <p>Give them time to speak about how they are feeling and explore the different feelings they may have.</p>
Specific Areas	We will be learning	How you can help
Literacy	<p>As mentioned above we will be starting our Phase 3 Phonics sounds this half term with a focus on forming the letters in pre-cursive print and blending simple CVC words to help them begin to read books with simple sentences or words in. We will be focusing on the different properties and structures of books and what a sentence is.</p> <p>We will be especially focusing on sentence skills with various meaningful writing experiences for the children to get involved in.</p>	<p>Practice writing their names and holding their pencil with a pincer grip form.</p> <p>Practice their sounds they have learnt in class and practice forming these in pre-cursive print.</p> <p>Share books with your child and discuss the main events of the story, the setting and also the feelings of the characters. You may also want to create your own story maps at home!</p>



<p>Maths</p>	<p>This half term will consist of the children looking at numbers in depth, particularly numbers 0-10. We will also be exploring addition and subtraction. Lastly, we will be looking at the concept of money, what money is and what certain money is worth.</p>	<p>Encourage children to count in the home, for example the number of steps to bed, the number of plates and cutlery to set for dinner.</p> <p>Can you set up a shop with labels on different items that the children could buy?</p>
<p>Understanding of the World</p>	<p>Through our topic of 'Winter' we will be exploring the world around us through learning all about seasons and different weathers. Through various topics, experiments will be carried out to help the children understand and bring their learning to life!</p>	<p>Please encourage your child to be respectful of other cultures and beliefs.</p>
<p>Expressive arts and design</p>	<p>Your child will continue to have a weekly singing session and we learn new songs. Music activities will be able to be accessed via Class Dojo for those children learning from home.</p> <p>The children are encouraged to safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques.</p> <p>We will be exploring dance and moving our bodies in different ways in response to music and also yoga.</p>	<p>Ask your children to sing the songs we have learned to you.</p> <p>Provide your child with a variety of materials and tools to work with at home e.g. paper, card, scissors, glue sticks etc.</p>

Our Topics for this half term...

Winter- This half term we will be learning all about the season of 'Winter'. We will learn about the change in the weather, ice & snow and the differences between hot and cold.

Fairytales- This half term we will be looking at different fairytales and what a fairytale is. We will be exploring the 'Gingerbread Man' and the plot of this story and even attempting to 'twist' this fairytale to make it our own!

If you have any questions do not hesitate to ask!

Thank you,

Miss Skirrow