

Reception Class Spring Newsletter

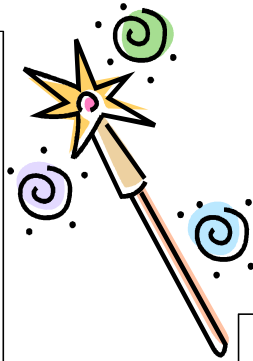
This term we will be asking “What happened once upon a time”. We will use traditional stories as a stimulus for finding out about different materials.

Understanding of the world

We will name the material different objects are made from.

Compare and describe different objects – shiny & dull; strong /hard & soft; magnetic & non-magnetic.

We will be melting ice and observing changes when cooking.



We will be observing and describing changes when completing cooking activities this term and this will include tasting!

Literacy

We will be reading, re-telling and acting out traditional stories –Three Little Pigs, Cinderella, The elves and the shoemaker, Goldilocks, The Ginger Bread man, The Little Red Hen.

We will write shopping lists for the bears; recipes for the fox so that he doesn't need to eat the ginger bread man, invitations to the ball, instructions on how to build bridges and houses.

Children will be encouraged to use their knowledge of sounds when writing. Please encourage and praise all children's efforts at listening for sounds and spelling

Maths

We will be naming and describing 3-D shapes – cylinder, cube, cuboid, cone, sphere.

We will be counting, ordering and comparing numbers to 10 and above. We will practise addition up to 10, and finding different ways to make numbers up to 10 e.g. $6+4$, $7+3$, $5+5$

Our Learn-Its are $1+1=2$, $2+2=4$, $3+3=6$, $5+5=10$
Key vocabulary: more, less, before, after, in between, altogether.



Our PE days this term are:

Dance – Thursday

Gym– Tuesday

Please encourage your child to practise dressing themselves, particularly fastening buttons, so that we can spend more time on PE!

Parents evenings- Tuesday 11th February
& Wednesday 12th February 3pm- 6pm
more details will follow.

Reading

Please could I remind everyone of the importance of **daily** reading practise. We will begin group guided reading sessions for those children are confidently reading red band books this term. Please continue to record all reading practise in green reading records and bring to school every day.

Spelling

Children will receive a short list of keywords to learn to read and spell.

These will be a mix of phonically decodable words or tricky words. We will complete a weekly spelling test of these words every Thursday and also a grand spell at the end of term.

Completed tests will be sent home for you to look at.

Phonics

We will continue to learn about digraphs – ch, sh, th, ng, ai, ee, oa, oo. We will call these sounds ‘friendly letters’. Children will learn that two letters make one sound.

Children have begun to learn that some words are tricky words which cannot be decoded – we have to just remember them. The key words for this term are: the, to, I, no, go, he, she, was, me, be, you, her, they, all are.

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We will learn about Jesus and the stories he told, and all about people who help us.

We will also be finding out about Chinese culture and Chinese New Year.

Friday Fun Day

We will now complete Forest Fun activities each Friday morning. Children will take turns to go out and complete a variety of outdoor learning activities around the school grounds. Children will be provided with waterproof suits and wellies and we will go out whatever the weather. Please ensure that your child brings a warm hat, gloves and scarf and some spare socks (just in case!) in their bag.



Children will go out on a rota basis every other week. Those staying in class will complete either cooking, ICT or Art activities with Mrs Hill, Mrs Adams or Miss Howarth. If your child has developed any allergies that we have not already been notified of then please let us know.

We would appreciate donations of any empty boxes to be used in our junk modelling area. This term we will be making houses and castles.

Don't forget we will begin our 'stay and play' sessions this term where parents / carers are invited to stay and play until 9.30 am on the following dates:

Friday 10th January

Friday 24th January

Friday 7th February

We look forward to another exciting term. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to come and speak to me.

Thank You
Miss Zylko