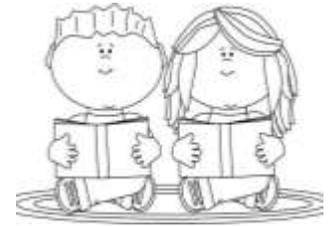




What are we learning about in Reception this half term?



Welcome to Reception. We are delighted with how the children are settling into their new environment. Thank you for all your support with drop off and pick-ups during this difficult time.

We hope that, like us, your child is looking forward to a fun and exciting year in reception.

This newsletter is intended to provide you with a brief insight into our topic for this half term and some of our initial routines. On Wednesday 23rd September at 7pm there will be an 'Information Evening' during which you can find out more about our routines, the curriculum and how maths, phonics, reading and writing are delivered in our school. This will be virtual and we will send out a letter closer to the time with more information.

Whilst we continue to settle into school routines, our learning will be based around 'Under the Sea' theme. For the remainder of the half term our learning will be based around the theme of 'Marvellous Me'. We will be exploring what makes us unique, how we grow and change, feelings and emotions and our 5 senses.

Literacy

As readers, we will be;

- Listening to and discussing a selection of stories and information books about families and our amazing bodies
- Using 'Letters and Sounds' to learn the letter sounds, names and actions.
- Recognising rhythm and rhyme in spoken words.

As writers, we will be;

- Using print to show meaning by recording our ideas using letters sounds and tricky words.

Mathematics

As mathematicians we will;

- Say and use number names in order and familiar contexts.
- Count sets of objects reliably and match to the numeral.
- Use words to describe position.
- Compare and describe the size of objects.

Understanding of the World

- As scientists we will investigate our 5 senses and learn about how we grow and change.
- As geographers, we will explore our school environment.
- As historians, we will identify past and present events in our lives.
- As spiritual thinkers, we will be talking about people who are special, including themselves, their peers and members of the wider community.
- As computer technicians, we will be creating pictures using paint software and learning photography skills.

Expressive Arts and Design

- As musicians, we will use percussion instruments to create sounds which represent different things (seasonal changes).
- As artists, we will be looking carefully at our facial features to create self-portraits. We will experiment with different mediums when creating.

Physical Development

- As gymnasts, we will become aware of how to negotiate space safely and move freely.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- We will be building relationships with familiar adults and peers and adapting our behaviour to social situations and changes to routine.

School Value

- Our whole school value for this half term is 'Respect'. You will find some information about this on the back.

Class Routines

- PPA (Planning, Preparation and Assessment time for teachers) will start next Tuesday. During the afternoon, children will take part in sporting activities in small groups. We ask that children come to school wearing their outdoor kit every Tuesday. P.E will start on Friday 25th September. Children will need to come in PE kit, it can be the same as PPA kit as the children will be outside. Please ensure all clothing is named.
- Please make sure your children have a named water bottle in school every day.