

Reception Class Newsletter

Spring 1 2024



Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We are excited to have all the children back, ready for another busy half term!

Our topic this half term:

UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD ★ PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

★ We will explore a range of roles in our community, such as doctors, nurses and firefighters - our everyday heroes! We'll explore different and exciting jobs that we find in the stories we love, such as astronauts and archeologists.

In P.E. we will be using small and large equipment to practice moving in a variety of ways. We will also be doing target practise as we throw balls and beanbags.

'HEROES'



In this topic we will explore the children's passions and interests, linking them to the wider world through jobs and roles in our community ...and beyond!

EXPRESSIVE ARTS AND DESIGN

The children will continue to explore and refine a variety of artistic effects through a range of adult led creative activities, inspired by their own interests. They will have opportunities to, and be encouraged to, use these skills to express their thoughts and feelings independently.



MATHS



We will practise our subitising skills, up to 8. The children will be learning to add single digit numbers together. We continue to explore the language of comparison, 'more than, fewer than and equal to'.



LITERACY



Astrid wants to be an astronaut. Her dad tells her all the things she will need to do if she becomes one. Astrid has a strong self-belief in her abilities, and a determination to follow her passion.

We meet Astrid's mum from work and we discover who has inspired her to have this ambition.



The children will be writing short captions to go along with the stories. They will be using their phonics and high frequency words.

PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL



We will be thinking about our feelings this term, and different things we can do to help us feel happier and calm.

We will continue to explore the Rights of the Child, thinking about the children's right to be safe, to learn and to have a voice.



What you can do to help

● Reading

It is really important that you are reading with your child every day. We are seeing a huge difference in the children who are practising at home. It is also so important that children learn to read for pleasure so continue reading books of their choosing as much as you can. Ask questions and encourage them to make predictions, give their opinions and explain what is happening. We can only send a new book home if the old one comes back. Please keep the book in the bookbag so that it is not forgotten.

● Phonics

As well as reading please practise the sounds and tricky words that we send home. The children will soon be receiving a special high frequency word key ring to support their learning!

● Writing

Many of the children are now becoming more confident using their phonic sounds to write words and simple captions. You can help by finding fun ways for them to practise. Help them to write a shopping list or a birthday card. If they draw a picture, they could have a go at labelling it. But remember, it is more important that they are trying on their own than it is for them to spell words correctly!

● Communication

Please continue to check your emails daily as we send a lot of information this way. The team are always there to talk through any questions or concerns, or to hear about how your children are getting on at home. Please catch us before or after school, or if you feel you need a longer discussion, we can arrange a meeting through the office.

Things to remember:

Please remember to bring in P.E. kits. Our sessions will continue to be held on a Monday morning.

- The gates open at 8:45 and school starts at 8: 55. It finishes at 3:30.
- Bring your book bags every day, and check them for any communication each evening.
- Children need a water bottle with fresh water every day.
- Please name all your child's school uniform.
- **All children need a bag of spare clothes** (including underwear) that will stay on their peg for the term.

Junk Modelling

In Reception we love doing lots of making! It would be great if you could bring in recycling for us to junk model with - boxes, egg boxes, yoghurt pots, milk lids etc.

Best wishes from the class team: Hadley, Faheema and Anneka,

