

Spring Term

The Reception team would like to welcome you all back after a relaxing break. We hope you all had an enjoyable holiday and are ready to start the second term of school.

The Reception Team

Class Ladybird

Miss Rafique (Year Team Leader)

Mrs Dumitru (Nursery Nurse)

Class Butterfly

Mrs Kainth (Class Teacher)

Mrs Rajan (Nursery Nurse)

Class Grasshopper

Miss Zambuko (Class Teacher)

Miss Kapadia (Nursery Nurse)

Our topic this half term is 'Space'. The books that we will be reading in relation to our topic are

- Whatever next
- Aliens in underpants
- Beegu
- Welcome to Alien school

Children will be learning some facts about the solar system and the different planets and stars. Children will also get to experience seeing close up satellite pictures of planets and stars when they are visited by the planetarium later on in January. Please support your child with their learning of some facts about the planets. If your child has any books, pictures related to our topics please encourage them to bring these in to school for our show and tell sessions on Fridays. We would all love to see them and learn more from each other.

To avoid any disappointment or upset please leave all toys at home.

After February half term holiday we will be focusing on deepening children's reading and comprehension skills. We will also be further embedding their love and knowledge of books.

Some of the titles that we will be looking at are:

- Gruffalo
- The Rainbow fish
- Handa's surprise

We will be having an author visiting the school who will also do some activities with the children. Children will also gain experience in listening to stories in different languages.

Helping your child at home

We value the support you can give to your child at home. It really does make a big difference.

Dressing and undressing: Can we please ask parents to continue to support their child dressing and undressing independently at home. Children seem to be struggling with their shoes, jumpers and doing the zip on their coats. **Can we request that your child does not wear shoes with laces unless they are able to tie up laces by themselves.**

Lunch times: We are encouraging children to eat independently using knives, forks and spoons. Please continue to support your child with the use of these at home.

Reading: Your child is taking home two books a week one is a library book for you to share with them and the other is their reading book. Please encourage your child to read these independently at home. Also please ensure that you comment on your child's reading and enjoyment of the book in the red reading record books provided. Your child's reading record and reading books are to be kept in their book bag so they are returned to school every day, as we do read with your child regularly in class.

Please try to hear your child read for short sessions every day. It is important for you to re-read familiar books as well as new ones. We would like parents to support us with helping children build their comprehension skills; so please do ask them lots of questions about the books you have shared with them and the reading books that they have read to you.

Phonics: During phonics children are now streaming according to their current understanding and knowledge of phonics this is to support them with their learning. They will be visiting other teachers during these sessions. We would like to encourage yourselves to continue your hard work with your children and to practise their sounds, handwriting and reading with them at home on a daily basis.

Writing: We are learning to write short simple sentences and encouraging children to do this independently. Once secure with short sentence writing, support your child with using connectives such as: **and, because, then**. Also encourage them to use high frequency words in their writing for example: go, the, to, no, I.

Maths:

In maths we will be learning about 2D shapes and their properties and also learning some 3D shape names. Children will also be identifying shapes in the local environment such as; a can of beans is a cylinder shape, tissue box is a cuboid. At home can you practise number recognition and number formation up to 30. Children will be learning to count forward and backwards from any given point on a number line. We will also be looking at one more and one less than any given number up to 20.

The children will be learning about heavy and light and ordering objects according to their weight. We are going to introduce the vocabulary related to size for example: big, small, medium size, tall and short. Children will be taught ordinal numbers e.g. 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and so on. The children will also be learning about money and the value of 1p, 2p and 5p coins.

P.E. Kits

- If your child is in sports club please make sure they bring in their P.E kit the following morning.
- Please make sure your child has a P.E. bag containing the following in school:
 - ~ **White t-shirt**
 - ~ **Navy or black shorts/ jogging bottoms** which are elasticated at the bottom to prevent any accidents whilst using P.E equipment.
 - ~ **White/ Black plimsolls or trainers** preferably without laces as children struggle with these.
- **Please note school shoes are not permitted to be worn during P.E.**
- Also if your child is wearing jewellery please remove these items at home on the days your child has P.E.
- Please clearly label anything your child brings or wears into school with their name and class. This includes their coats which should be brought into school daily due to the changeable weather.

Our values

H- Honesty

E- Empathy

A- Aspiration

R- Respect

T- Team player

REWARDS

Stickers
Class treats
Certificates
Tell parents/carers
Show another teacher

CONSEQUENCES

3 chances/warnings.
Thinking chair.
Being sent to another class.
Speaking to parents/carers.
Miss 5 minutes of playtime.

Thank you,

Reception Team.