



Spring Term 1 - Curriculum Newsletter

Reception

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to a new term. It has been lovely to see the children return once again to Reception ready to learn.

Our core texts will be the starting point of this half term's learning in Reception as we start the theme of 'Amazing Adventures!' We are excited to see where these adventures take us, not only through our core texts but through listening to children create their own adventures based on their own experiences too! We will revisit last term's celebrations topic as we learn about Lunar New Year, learning about this celebration and comparing it those we have previously learn. We are looking forward to some exciting learning experiences ahead.

Our core texts for this half term are

				
Whatever Next!	The Man on the Moon	Lost and Found	Hiku	The Flying Bath

We will be listening regularly to these stories, focusing on being about to talk and understand what is happening. We are really focussing on the children's comprehension skills, encouraging them to show their understanding of these stories by answering 'how' and 'why' questions. We will use these stories as a basis to develop children's vocabulary and encourage them to use the new words they have learnt.

Children will learn about space and hot and cold countries as part of our Amazing Adventures. They will learn about the differences between life in these places and their locality, Stockton on Tees. They will learn to describe and explain what these places may be like if they were to visit.

The children are learning to read using RWI Phonics scheme. We are really proud of their achievements so far! Some children have now got reading books to take home. Please practise reading these with your child every night. Practising the same books over and over again helps them to become fluent readers. The children are also learning to read word time words: these are also in their book bags for them to practise at home. Some children still need to learn to read and recognise some of the sounds and are trying hard to learn these in school. If we put RWI Sound Lessons on Tapestry please practise these with your child.

Children will also bring home a reading for pleasure book. These will be changed Monday and Thursday each week. Please complete the Reading Together Booklet with your child, encouraging them to draw a picture about the story and answer the simple questions in the booklet.

In Literacy, our writing activities are based around the core texts. We will focus on learning to hold a sentence. This means remembering a sentence they want to write. They will learn to use the sounds they know in order to write simple sentences. We will continue to practise letter formation, as it is essential that children form all letters correctly by the end of Reception. It is National Handwriting Day on January 23rd and we would like to invite you to come into class to learn more about how we teach letter formation in Reception.

In maths we will continue to explore the composition of number. Using our subitising skills to be able to talk about what we notice and how we see things and explore how amounts are made up, for example 2 and 3 equals 5, or 4 and 4 equals 8. Children will learn about combining groups of objects and knowing how many there are altogether. We will continue our work on numerical patterns using ten frames every day during self-registration. We will continue to learn the days of the week and ordering these. Through everyday activities such as brushing teeth, cooking or linked to story, children will learn to sequence events using language such as first, before, next, yesterday and tomorrow.

Children will be encouraged to develop their creativity using their own ideas, self-selecting resources, making choices about how to combine parts to create different effects and learning different ways of fixing materials together.

We will continue to spend time learning outdoors so please make sure your child is dressed appropriately and that all clothing is named. Shoes should not have laces as these come undone easily. Earrings are not to be worn to Reception for health and safety reasons. PE will continue to be on Fridays and this half term we will be learning about throwing and catching.

We will continue to upload pictures of your child's learning in Reception. It would be lovely if you could comment on the picture, or give it 'a like' so that we know you have seen it. If you would like to share what your child is doing at home, please feel free to upload your own pictures. It has been wonderful to see so many of you sharing your child's experiences at home, and of course, your children love to share them!

If you have any further questions about your child's learning in Reception, please come and ask.

Kind regards

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