

RECEPTION YEAR



The Reception children have a busy term ahead of them, leading up to Easter.



In RE and **Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE)** the children will be learning about new challenges and setting new targets for this term. We will also be talking about feelings and how we can say sorry, forgive others and understand how we are responsible for our own behaviour.

The children will be talking about the Christian season of Lent and about doing things for others, leading up to Easter.



The children are following the seven areas of the Early Learning Goals, which are: -

1. Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Within this area we are hoping that the children will continue to gain confidence. By now they should be able to dress and undress independently, and manage their own personal hygiene.



As Spring approaches we hope that they will show care and concern for others, living things and for the environment. They will be developing an awareness of their own needs and views, and be sensitive to the needs, views and feelings of others. We want them to develop a respect for their own culture and beliefs and those of other people, and to treat everyone with respect.



2 Communication and Language

3 Literacy

Communication and Language is split into 3 elements; (i) listening and attention, (ii) understanding and (iii) speaking. Literacy is split into 2 elements; (i) reading and (ii) writing.

We will encourage the children to interact with others, to gain in self-confidence, to explain and discuss their activities and to take turns. We will be discussing the Winter and Spring seasons and extending their vocabulary. The children will be encouraged to speak clearly and show awareness of the listener. Our aim is to encourage the children to listen with enjoyment, and to respond to and discuss Traditional Fairy tales. The children will be continuing to learn and use letter sounds (phonemes) and later in the term will progress to the letter names of the alphabet.

In phonics the children will be focussing on Phase 3 and 4 sounds including diagraphs (sounds made up of 2 letters e.g. ai, ee, sh etc) and trigraphs (sounds made up of 3 letters e.g. igh, ure etc). They will then use these sounds in their writing, looking at how they fit into words by blending and segmenting simple words. They will be writing their own news and a variety of non-fiction pieces using their knowledge of these sounds. We will continue to concentrate on letter formation and the children will be given plenty of opportunities to practise. The children will continue to participate in guided reading sessions, where they will read books to a higher level than their home reading books.

Please continue to hear your child read daily and work on their comprehension skills.

Library

Reception will visit our library on a Friday afternoon. Please send library books into school on a Friday ready to change.



4 Mathematical Development

The children will be learning to count and recognise numbers to 20 and beyond, whilst concentrating on formation of numbers 0 to 10. They will be learning to count backwards, as well as in multiples of 2 and 10. They will be recognising and using 2D and 3D shapes, e.g. cubes, cuboids, cones, cylinders. They

will also be doing simple basic addition and using the vocabulary involved in addition and subtraction, e.g. add, more, make, total, altogether, less, fewer. Each week the children will take part in a 'Learn Its' quiz.

5 Creative Development



We want the children to be able to explain and express their ideas, thoughts, and feelings by using a wide range of materials. They will be 'junk' modelling (donations of boxes etc. will be gratefully appreciated), creating various constructions, collages, paintings and drawings. The children will also experiment with a variety of printing techniques and modelling with dough.

In the first half term we will be creating lots of art work based around fairy tales and fantasy.

In the second half of the term we will be creating lots of art work based on the various countries that we will be visiting.

The children will extend their repertoire of songs and will begin to use percussion

6 Knowledge and Understanding of the World

In the first half term we will be looking at 'Fantasy World'. We will be looking at fairy tales, superheroes and magic!

In the second half term, we will be looking at different countries around the world, 'Easter' and 'Spring'. Each week a group of children will walk into Ramsbottom and buy the ingredients to make a traditional dish from the country we are looking at that week.



7 Physical Development

This term the children will have specialist coaches coming into school to teach them Dance in the first half term and then Multi-skill Games in the second half term. Our P.E will be on a Tuesday.

Please ensure that your children have the correct 'named' kit in school. This first half term the children will need a white T-shirt, blue shorts and black pumps. Next half term they will



need their outdoor kit including tracksuit tops, bottoms and trainers. We want the children to be able to move with control and co-ordination, and to understand the importance of keeping healthy and a good diet.

Partnership with Parents

We value the close links between parents and school and you are more than welcome to pop in and discuss any concerns you may have. If you do wish to speak to us at 3.30pm, please allow us to dismiss all of the children before speaking to us. This ensures that our safeguarding procedures are maintained.

We are very pleased with the progress your children are making and welcome your continued support and interest. We look forward to seeing you at the Parents' Morning and Evening on Thursday 15th February. We will be having a special 'Mothers or Grandmas' morning on Friday 9th March to celebrate Mother's Day. There will be 2 sessions to choose from, either 9-10.30 am or 10-11.30am. Both the sessions will include a chance for you to join us for our Awards Assembly at 10am. Reception's Class Assembly is on Wednesday 14th March at 9am, all welcome!



Healthy Schools - Water bottles are provided for all of the children and are freely available throughout the day. We will continue to have a snack area in the classroom where the children can choose a piece of fruit during the day.

Holidays for the School Year 2017/2018

Mid Term

School closes Friday 16 Feb Re-opens Monday 26 Feb

Easter

School closes Thursday 29 March (3.00 pm) Re-opens Monday 16 April

Election Day / Occasional Day / Bank Holiday

School closes Wednesday 2 May Re-opens Tuesday 8 May

Spring Bank Holiday

School closes Friday 25 May Re-opens Monday 4 June

Summer

School closes Friday 20 July (3.00 pm)