



Spring Term Class Newsletter

Reception

The books we will be covering this term in Literacy are:

I am Henry Finch by Alexis Deacon, The Magic Paintbrush by Julia Donaldson, The Night Pirates by Peter Harris, Willy the Wimp by Anthony Browne and Little Red by Lynn Roberts.

Home reading: Please listen to your child read at least three times per week for around 15 minutes and record it in their school diary. Reading is one of the most important things a child can do as it is the key to accessing the whole curriculum. Your child should read a wide variety of books, not just the school reading scheme. A list of recommended reads is available on our website which can be found at the library. Diaries must be signed by an adult after each read.

What we are learning this term

<p>English</p> <p>In Phonics we will be covering Phase 2 and Phase 3 in phonics following the Letters and Sounds scheme. We will be writing captions and lists linked to our class text I am Henry Finch. We will be looking at Poetry and setting descriptions when reading The Magic Paintbrush. We will also be looking at Instructional Writing in Spring Term and will continue to learn how to write our full names.</p>	<p>Maths</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Counting to 20. • Addition • Recognizing numbers • Shapes both flat and solid • Patterns • Time • Money • Weight 	<p>Understanding of the World</p> <p>We will be looking at Materials this term and exploring and sorting materials. We will particularly look at Glass, Plastic, Wood and Metal. We will be exploring our Locality and will be looking at Homes and a variety of different buildings.</p> <p>In Technology we will be exploring how to use paint and create our own drawings and how to use the keyboard to type words. We will also be learning how to log on and off. We will be learning how to program the beebots and following instructions.</p>
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<p>Expressive Arts and Design</p> <p>In Art we will be exploring the artistic work of Kandinsky and colour mixing.</p> <p>We will be exploring different musical instruments and continuing to work on rhythm and rhyme.</p> <p>We will have a new role play area which will be a café and then a supermarket in the second half of the term.</p>	<p>Personal, Social and Emotional Development</p> <p>We will be covering “Healthy lifestyles” learning how to eat healthily and what we can do live a healthy life. We will cover the importance of exercise, sleep and also brushing our teeth. We will also continue to build on our relationships with our friends in class continuing to learn how to share and look after each other.</p>	<p>Religious Education</p> <p>In RE we will be looking at special stories in particular the Easter story. We will also start to look at Special Places. We will be visiting the local church in Spring 2.</p>
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<p>Physical Development</p> <p>In PE with Mr Leyland we will be building upon our skills in jumping, throwing and catching, We are also looking at balance and spatial awareness. In Handwriting we are learning how to write Phase 2 and 3 sounds and continuing to work on our pencil grip and control.</p>	<p>Communication and Language</p> <p>We are using the Pie Corbett story maps to help us retell simple stories to help with our skills in reading and writing. We are also learning how to listen to others in small groups and sharing in other children’s conversations. We are continuing to work on listening to stories and being able to recall what has happened in the story when we are asked.</p>	<p>Events this term:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Safer Internet Day is Tuesday 11th February 2020. 2. World Book Day is Thursday 5th March. 3. Homes Locality Walk- date TBC. 4. Library visit- date TBC.
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Homework and notices

Homework challenges will be linked to our new topics which we are covering this term. The two new topics are Homes and Animals. Please use the Bug Club resource for extra reading materials.

Toast and Milk will be ordered through Evolve. Toast is £1.00 and Milk is £1.20.

Reading books are changed on Tuesday and Thursday. Library books are chosen and changed on Wednesday. PE is on Thursday.

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The website has full information about the school’s curriculum, class information, school information and copies of previous letters sent out. Messages will be sent home using Class Dojo so please ask your child’s teacher for information on how to join up if you haven’t already.