



How you can help at home

Your children are now in their second term at school and have settled very well into school life.

This term we will be encouraging your child to extend and add to the skills they learnt in the autumn term.

Please help at home by supporting them to develop their early reading and writing skills by reading with them every day. This can be their 'Choosey Book' from school or favourite books at home. They may be bringing home books related to their phonics learning and you can share these together. Please record all reading in their reading log book.

Many of the children have begun to develop an interest in writing, it's important to also give them the opportunity to improve these skills when at home. Children love writing using different pens, pencils, note pads, post-it notes, and white boards. Any reinforcement you can give them at home helps to build their self-esteem.

Encourage your child to develop their maths knowledge through everyday practise – observing shapes in the environment, talking about money when shopping, counting and comparing objects, using measuring skills through cooking together etc.

Continue to support your children to be independent and to practice the physical skills they are developing at school.

We will use Tapestry online journal to keep a record of your child's 'Wow' moments and to blog any whole class events during their reception year. You are able to access this from home and add your own 'Wow' moments for us to share.

Any questions or concerns please speak to your child's class teacher or message via Dojo.

We have enjoyed getting to know your children in the autumn term and look forward to supporting them in the spring term.

Communication & Language

We will continue to develop active listening and communication skills.

Articulate our ideas and thoughts in well-formed sentences. Using talk to help work out problems and organise thinking and activities, and to explain how things work and why they might happen.

Engage in story times, retelling stories, building familiarity and understanding of texts.

Reception Spring Term

This term, we will be working on these skills taken from the Development Matters document.



Personal, Social & Emotional Development

We will use emotional literacy to help children express their feelings and consider the feelings of others, building constructive and respectful relationships.

Know and talk about the different factors that support our overall health and wellbeing:

- physical activity
- healthy eating
- tooth brushing
- sensible amounts of 'screen time'
- having a good sleep routine
- being a safe pedestrian.

Maths

Through play and daily Mastering Number, we will continue to develop our skills in number recognition, number patterns, measure, shape, subitising and comparing. Looking at maths in real world contexts through discovery and conversation.

Understanding the World

We will be comparing past and present through story, images and experiences, beliefs and celebrations in our communities and in other countries

We will learn to observe the natural world, the changing seasons and the environment around us.

Explain similarities and differences between this country and others – using people, books and maps

Physical Development

We will be revising and refining our fundamental movement skills. Developing overall body strength, co-ordination, balance and agility.

We will work to develop small motor skills so that we can use a range of tools competently, safely and confidently – pencils, cutlery, scissors etc.

Expressive Art & Design

We will be exploring and using a variety of artistic effects to express our ideas and feelings. We will return to and build on previous learning, refining ideas and developing our ability to represent them. We will learn to create collaboratively, sharing ideas, resources and skills.

We will explore and engage in music making and dance, singing and performing and developing storylines through our pretend play.

Literacy

We will continue to enjoy and explore rich texts through Drawing Club.

We will use Read Write Inc Phonics sessions to support early reading and writing, blending sounds into words, beginning to read simple phrases and learning to form letters correctly.

