



Reception Spring 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Happy New Year!

We hope you've all had a wonder Christmas break and are looking forward to the Spring term in Reception! Our half termly newsletter outlines our curriculum focus for this half term and key reminders.

Mrs Grainger

Communication & Language

We will be practising holding back and forth conversations this half term and using our listening skills to respond to what someone else has said. We will also be focusing on developing our explanation skills. We will utilise time in Show & Tell to practise our Oracy skills.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

This half term we will be focusing on the topic 'Keeping Safe'. We will look at how to keep ourselves safe, keeping safe online, listening to our feelings and discussing who helps keep us safe.

We will also be looking at the importance of gratitude and appreciation in our *My Happy Mind* module.

Physical Development

We will work on our fine and gross motor skills in continuous provision daily.

In PE, Mr Ridge will be teaching us how to jump, balance and throw underarm. We will also be focusing on fundamental movement skills.

Literacy

This half term will start learning Phase 3 phonic sounds and tricky words. We will continue to learn to blend to read and begin to read with more fluency. We will be looking at story maps and using them to support creating our own versions of familiar stories.

Maths

This half term we will begin to deepen our understanding of teen numbers.

We will compare amounts using mathematical vocabulary, begin to look at adding larger numbers using practical equipment. We will introduce measurement and explore 2D and 3D shapes.

Understanding the World

We will be comparing our local natural environment to different environments around the world. We will also explore how ice melts, why it melts and what can speed up and slow down the process.

Expressive Art & Design

This half term, we will be creating sculptures! We will explore sculpting with different media before creating our final sculpture using playdough. This is always a wonderful topic which brings out the children's creative and imaginative skills!

Reminders

What to bring – Please can all children bring a named water bottle, bag, waterproof coat, hat and gloves to school each day.

Book Bags – Please can you ensure your child brings their Harris book bag to school every day. This must be clearly labelled with their name.

Reading Packs – Please ensure your child's plastic wallet containing their reading diary, library book and reading book (if they have been given one) comes into school each day.

PE – PE is on Friday mornings. Children should come into school in their PE kit. Long hair must be tied back and earrings must be removed or covered up. Please name your child's tracksuit top and trainers!

Show & Tell – Show and Tell will be held on Monday afternoons. Your child is invited to bring in **one** small item to share with their key worker group.

Names – *Please remember to write/stick your child's name on all their belongings, including water bottles, shoes, hats, gloves and scarves. Children can become upset when they cannot find their own belongings and all the jumpers/cardigans look the same!*