

Reception Newsletter

Our School Rules

Be safe. Be kind.



Be responsible.



Happy New Year!

The children have made some great progress with their learning! It is great to see them now being able to utilise their Phonics when reading and writing, and discuss their Maths knowledge in play.

We are looking forward to seeing what the rest of this term has to offer!

Termly Learning Conferences for this term will be in March. Appointments will be made nearer the time. In the meantime, please continue to look at Class Dojo for updates on what the children are learning.

Weekly homework sheets will also be sent to consolidate our Phonics learning.

Important dates

Half Term

Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February 2025

Easter Break

Monday 7th April – Monday 21st April 2025

Remaining Non-Pupil Days

Wednesday 12th March 2025
Termly Learning Conference

Friday 6th June 2025

Our learning this term

PIRATES AHOY! And Bear Necessities

This half term is all about pirates! In Science we will investigate floating and sinking, and we will make our own model boats in DT. In our topic lessons, we will also be learning about Captain James Cook and exploring maps. Next half term we will compare the habitats of bears in different parts of the world. We will also be looking at how to stay healthy, including the importance of hygiene, screen time and getting enough sleep.

Maths – we will continue learning how to build different compositions of numbers up to 10. The children will learn how to show this on a tens frame and subitise numbers up to 10. Comparing lengths, heights and weights is also taught over this next half term.

Writing – we will use our phonics knowledge to write labels, captions and simple sentences in our topic work and focussed writing sessions.

Phonics – we are moving onto Phase 3 this term, and consolidating our Phase 2 learning. The children will be learning digraphs (2 letters that make 1 sound, e.g. ai, ee, oo) and trigraphs (3 letters that make 1 sound, e.g. igh, ear) to support their reading and writing.

Polite Reminder

Please make sure all of your child's belongings are labelled, including uniform, water bottles, lunch boxes, coats, book bags and messy play clothes.

In other news...

Independence

Thank you for supporting your child to come into the classroom independently and with putting their coats on. This has really helped their self-confidence!

For after half term, we will be helping the children focus on pulling their sleeves out when they are inside out. This applies to coats, jumpers and cardigans. We would appreciate you coaching your child at home with this too.

Class Dojo

A polite reminder that the school policy states for parents and carers to send any messages to staff concerning your child on Class Dojo.

Appointments can be made to speak to the class teacher after school. The morning is time for the staff to settle the children as they come into the classroom.

Home learning

Thank you to all of the children who have been completing their home learning sheets. This is great consolidation of what we have been learning in class.

Please remember to read with your child at least 3 times a week. This can be any type of reading, and any book of their own choosing.

It will be also beneficial to practise some of the following with your child:

- Practise name writing and name recognition.
- Talk about healthy eating and living, encouraging brushing teeth, drinking and eating healthy drinks and snacks, balanced diets etc.
- Play games to encourage turn taking and sharing.
- Practise letter formation of the letters that have been taught so far.
- Practise reading tricky word cards.

SAFETY REMINDERS

We would politely like to remind you that we are a **nut free school** and there are children within our cohort with severe nut allergies that require epi-pens. Please refrain from sending in foods that contain nuts or nut traces.

Drinks: Please supply **water** in a **named water bottle** for children to drink throughout the day. They will be encouraged to drink and go to the toilet frequently. No fruit shoots, energy drinks or pure juice please.

Sweets: As a healthy school we do not permit children to bring sweets in lunch boxes or pockets.

The wearing of earrings is not permitted as we need to keep your children safe whilst playing and in PE.

P.E. on Mondays

Reception children will have P.E. every Monday in school. The children can come to school in their P.E. kits and stay in them for the whole day.

The P.E. kit is:

white polo top black shorts trainers or plimsolls

White Hall jumper jogging bottoms (no leggings)