



Spring 2022 2nd Half Term – Reception

Welcome back after what we hope was a restful and enjoyable half term break. It has been lovely to see the children settle back into normal routines immediately.

The children had so much fun learning about vehicles and travel last half term. It was great to see them doing lots of role-playing and working together to build different forms of transport. We had lots of important 'big' conversations around being more eco-friendly and looking after our world. The children had some great ideas! We have enjoyed reading a range of fiction and non-fiction texts about different vehicles.

This term, we will be learning about space! We are confident that this is going to be a fun and engaging topic where the children can learn about planets, stars, and space travel, and use their imaginations to consider what else could be out there! The children will be exploring some important science concepts such as gravity and light and dark. We love seeing them make discoveries and have those little 'light bulb' moments. We will choose a number of exciting stories and non-fiction books to read to the children.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

The children will continue to build and develop relationships with peers and adults. They will be encouraged to play cooperatively alongside their peers to create games and ideas.

Communication & Language

This term the children will develop their communication and language skills as they act out a variety of roles relating to Earth, and how to be kind to it, and all about space. We will be discussing the planets, the sun, moon and stars.

Physical Development

During outdoor play, the children will develop their gross-motor skills as they navigate obstacles, skipping and kicking balls. We will also be working on skipping, hopping, and jumping from obstacles too. The children will be using their fine-motor skills to cut, and develop their pencil grip for early writing.

Literacy

We are continuing to use Letterland this term while developing our blending and segmenting skills. The sounds we will be introducing are: ff, ll, ss, s, es, j, v, w, x, y, z, qu, n, g and ng. Please make sure your child is reading their Letterland book each week.

Maths

We will be expanding our number skills and focussing on counting, recognising and matching numerals to 10. We will also be exploring shapes, using Numicon and will be exploring number bonds to 10.

Understanding the World

We will be increasing the children's understanding of the world around them. We will talk about ways that we can reduce, reuse and recycle and other ways to be environmentally friendly. We will be looking at how day turns to night.

Expressive Arts

There will be opportunities to explore and manipulate a range of materials including playdough and will be junk modelling. Please continue to bring in recyclable objects for junk modelling, small boxes (toothpaste boxes, toiletry cartons and soap

Reminders for this half term

- ★ Please ensure your child has **all** winter kit in school including wellington boots and **waterproof winter** coats – **all clearly labelled with their name please!**
- ★ The children should be bringing a clearly named school water bottle to school with them every day.
- ★ Please ensure that your child has spare clothes in their books bags in case of any accidents.
- ★ Thank you to those families who are working hard on practising reading and word building at home. Please make sure that you are signing in your child's home school book when you have done some reading at home.
- ★ Please log in to School Gateway and pay for the planetarium visit (Friday 1st April) – a separate letter will be coming out about this.

Miss Hunter and Miss Crawford-Smith ☺