



Reception Newsletter - Spring Term 2nd half 2024

Dear Families,

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide you with information and reminders which we hope you and your child will find useful.

In our year group this term we will have the following adults;

Buttercup – Mr Umney

Honeysuckle – Mrs Dempsey, Miss Rashid, Miss Parker and Mrs Manolache

Daffodil – Miss Brown, Miss Darby and Miss Thomas

Bluebell – Miss Beaney, Mrs Stanley and Mrs Hockley.

Working within Reception we also have Miss Nichols (Lead TA), Miss Clark (Cover supervisor), Mr Powell (PE), Mrs Charlton (Music and SALT) and Miss Hubbard (AHT)

Buttercup and Honeysuckle have PE on Friday mornings.

Bluebell and Daffodil have PE on Tuesday mornings.

Things to remember

The children will need to;

- Have their hair tied up (with no excessive accessories)
- **Water Bottles** - Please ensure your child has their **own** named water bottle (**containing only water**) with them every day to ensure that appropriate hygiene is maintained. It is important for children to stay hydrated as part of their general well-being. Children who have a packed lunch must also have a separate drink or water bottle for lunch.
- Have spare pants, tights, socks, trousers, skirt and polo shirt and a carrier bag (this will be kept in school)
- Have a warm and waterproof coat that is named. As the weather may still be cold, please also send in hats and scarves and gloves.
- Book bag/ small rucksack

We would like to stress the importance of sending in a spare change of clothes for your child. Even if they do not have accidents regularly, we would still recommend sending some in.

Donations

In Reception we use a lot of different materials for art activities and junk modelling. We are asking for donations of the following items to help us to further enhance the children's learning.

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| • boxes | • shaving foam |
| • yoghurt pots | • oil |
| • corks | • table salt |
| • bottle lids | • flour |



- cotton wool
- googly eyes
- corn flour
- feathers

We are also asking for donations of items such as;

- **any spares school uniform**
- **Spare knickers/pants**
- Baby wipes
- tissues
- Toilet wipes
- Kitchen roll
- Nappy sacks
- Hand soap
- Washing up liquid

Any donations would be greatly appreciate.

What have we done so far?

During the first half of the spring half term, the children have enjoyed learning lots about Space as well as continuing to challenge and push themselves in their reading, writing and maths. In English, we have read lots of books about space and been finding out lots about planets, our solar system and even some cheeky aliens! The children have especially enjoyed the stories 'Here come the Aliens' and 'Aliens love underpants'. The children have been working on using their 'Fred fingers' to help them spell and write sentences and have even challenged themselves to write words using digraphs (special friends, 2 letters 1 sound.)

In Maths, the children have worked on counting, addition and subtraction, number bonds to five and even writing trickier teen numbers!

We are extremely proud of everything the children have achieved this half term!

What's next?

Our topic this half term is 'The Wild West' and we will be doing lots of activities to help us learn about cowboys, Native Americans and what their lives were like!

We will be continuing our Maths and English lessons, with a Wild West focus, and in our topic lessons we can learn even more about 'The Wild West'! We will also be continuing Funky Fingers every morning and a RWI booster every afternoon. We will be adding in an extra writing focus on one afternoon a week to encourage the children's independence in their writing.

In Maths lessons, we will be continuing to develop our addition and subtraction skills. In English, we will be learning about blending and segmenting and will be challenging the children to start coming up with their own ideas for their sentences.

We will continue RWI to support the children in learning their sounds and learning to blend. We have a handwriting and spelling focus as part of this to support the children to improve their segmenting and spelling.

We have been working really hard to thread our school values, British values and characteristics of effective learning through the children's daily lives by discussing with them the values they may be showing. This half term, the value is 'Respect'. We will be supporting the children in this by



encouraging them to show respect for each other, respect for the school's and their own belongings and respect for their learning by trying their best.

Please note: The school value for Early Years (Reception and Preschool) is planned directly in to our curriculum and so may differ from the rest of the school.

Please ensure that you keep good communication with your child's class teacher by calling the office or emailing and if there are any worries or concerns please let us know. We are here to help!

We can't wait to continue our journey with your children.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Beaney, Miss Brown, Mrs Dempsey and Mr Umney.
Class teachers