



Reception Class January 2020

Welcome back and Happy New Year. We hope you all enjoyed a relaxing Christmas break. Many thanks from all of the staff in Reception for your Christmas cards and gifts. They are very much appreciated.

Topics

This term our main focus will be on enjoying traditional tales. We will be listening to lots of traditional and familiar stories and the majority of our Literacy work will be based around retelling these stories and finding out about the characters, events and settings.

Reading

This term we will work towards children being able to read simple words in a short sentence. At the moment, we listen to each child read once a week. If we had some parents/grandparents/aunties/uncles who were able to volunteer to come and listen to children read for a couple of hours every week the children would be able to read more often. If you are able to spare a morning or afternoon once a week to listen to children read this would be very helpful. You do not need any special training to help children with their reading.

Some children have been very good at practising their 'tricky words'. We will continue to check them weekly and give them 5 new words as soon as they are confident with the words they already have. If you have any questions about learning to read, please ask at any time. It really makes a huge difference to the speed that children learn to read if they have plenty of opportunities to practise. Please try to listen to your child read at home as often as you can.

Maths

In Maths we will continue to focus primarily on reading, writing and ordering numbers 1-20. We will also learn about 2d and 3d shapes and look at ways of comparing objects by length, height, weight or size. We will learn simple fractions and the order of the days of the week.

Clothing

We use the outside area in all weathers. Please ensure that your child has appropriate outdoor clothing and footwear at all times. It is essential to keep a set of spare clothes on your child's peg in case they get wet or dirty. Water, sand and mud play are important parts of the Early Years curriculum and it is impossible to avoid children getting wet or muddy at times.

Visit to Church

As part of our RE teaching this term, we hope to visit St. Edmund's Church to find out more about what happens in a church. We will need some parent helpers to accompany us on this trip. Details will follow as soon as we have secured a date and time.

Items to bring in

- Empty food packaging and boxes, ribbons, birthday or Christmas cards with the back sliced off, wool, string, egg boxes, toilet/kitchen roll inner tubes. The children love to build models on our junk modelling table so we need a constant supply of these items.
- Any rice, lentils, pasta or peppercorns to use to make shakers or collages.
- Empty yoghurt pots or similar to be used as paint pots.

£5 Contribution

We ask for a voluntary contribution of £5 from each child each term. Last term your contributions were used to pay for cooking ingredients, art and craft materials, topic related activities and a gift for each child for our Christmas Stay and Play party.

Important Dates for your Diary

Friday 10th January; Reception Eye Tests

Friday 24th January; Reception height and weight measuring

Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February; Half Term Break

Thursday 5th March; World Book Day

Monday 9th March and Tuesday 10th March; Parents Evenings

Friday 3rd April; Easter Stay and Play (To be confirmed)

We hope this information is useful, do not hesitate to ask if you have questions at any time.

Best wishes from,

Mrs Demarchi, Miss Hurley, Mrs Painton and all the staff in EYFS