



Newsletter

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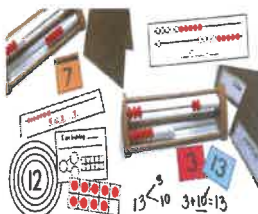
Welcome to Reception's newsletter. We are pleased to share our learning with you for this term and encourage you to support us by discussing our learning at home.

Our topics will be, **Growing** and **Under the Sea**. We will be looking at how the children have grown and changed since joining school and what other changes we have observed with change in season. This will include looking at animal life-cycles and growing our own plants. For Under the Sea, we will take a deep dive into the ocean learning about the wildlife and history of the pirate.

Maths

In Maths we will be deepening our understanding of numbers to 20 and learning new math skills. This will include:

- To match the number names to numerals to 20
- To make and count their own collections of up to 20 objects
- To form numbers to 20
- To identify 1 more and 1 less than numbers to 20
- To know the composition of numbers to 20
- To represent numbers up to 20 on 10 frames and rekenreks
- To know doubles to 5
- To know odd and even numbers



Communication and Language

We have a big focus on Communication and Language this term. We will be building on our previous learning to develop our speaking and listening skills and encouraging children to extend their sentences by adding conjunctions 'but' 'and' 'not only' 'either' 'because' and 'so that'.

Literacy

We continue to use 'Read Write Inc' phonics to help us develop our literacy skills. Children have done a fantastic job at progressing through the scheme and will continue to push their development to ensure they reach and even surpass their Early Learning Goal. As well as our regular phonics morning activities, we will have an increased focus on our dedicated writing table for children to practice letter formation, word writing and sentence construction.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This term we will continue to look at working and playing cooperatively and taking turns with other children. We will encourage children to be confident to try new activities and show increasing independence, resilience and perseverance in the face of challenges. We expect children to know the rules but also be able to explain why something is right or wrong. We are learning to self-regulate our own feelings and behaviour and set and work towards our goals together. There will be plenty of opportunities to work towards these through our topic, maths, PE and RE lessons and regular Forest School sessions.



Physical development



We will be learning all about sports day games this term during our PE lessons. As the weather gets brighter and dryer we will be spending lots more time outdoors developing key gross motor skills and also looking at strength, balance and coordination.

Religious Education

In RE this term, we will be looking at sacred places of worship and trying to answer the question: What happens in our Church? We will be inviting members of the chaplaincy team to find out what they do in the church.



Understanding the World

This term, we will be going deep under the sea. We will not only be learning about the creatures that inhabit the sea but also issues that are affecting the sea, like plastic pollution. We will be looking at our own plastic waste and thinking of creative ways to reuse materials.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will develop children's artistic and cultural awareness which supports their imagination and creativity. We will explore colour, texture and different materials. As part of our topic we will be looking for creative ways to bring the rainbow fish story to life.

