

What are we learning this term in Reception?

Literacy

Little Wandle Phonics

We will continue to consolidate the graphemes we have learnt so far and apply our knowledge to our reading and writing. Please can you continue to support your child's learning by practising tricky words and any supplementary work sent home in book bags.

I Am A Clever Writer

This half term, we will continue developing our fine motor skills, pencil control, and correct letter formation, ensuring that letters start from the correct starting points. We will also apply this knowledge to write dictated CVC words, as well as simple phrases and short sentences, helping to build confidence and independence in our early writing.

Communication & Language

This half term, our learning in Communication and Language will link to our topic "Let's Grow!" and stories from our reading spine, including *Jack and the Beanstalk* and *Luna Loves Gardening*. The children will develop their speaking and listening skills by discussing stories, sharing ideas and describing what they observe as we plant seeds and learn about animals and minibeasts, including during our visit from Angie's Animal Antics.

Understanding the World

We will continue to share lots of exciting stories and poems throughout the weeks to inspire our imaginative play and writing and most importantly, a love for reading. The children will have the opportunity to plant seeds/flowers and talk about the changes that they see. We will talk about the different things that plants need to grow. Please see our Knowledge Organiser for the key texts that we will be reading and the information that we will be learning.

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Theme: Let's Grow

Value: Aspiration

P.E. will continue to be on Friday mornings for all children, **Balanceability** will take place on Wednesday mornings for groups (see Tapestry).

Forest Time will take place on Monday this term.

Reading

Please continue to read with your child at home. Reading books will be collected in on a Thursday to be changed, and new books given out on a Friday.

Tapestry

Keep updated with what we are learning by using Tapestry. Remember to share home learning with us too!

My Happy Mind Module

- Relate

This half term in My Happy Mind, we will be exploring the Relate module. The children will learn about the importance of friendships, kindness and working together. Through stories, discussions and simple activities, we will practise how to be a good friend, understand how our actions affect others, and learn ways to solve small problems and build positive relationships with those around us.

PE – Speed, Agility and Travel.

In PE, the children will develop their speed, agility and travelling skills through fun games and movement activities. They will practise moving in different ways such as running, hopping, skipping and changing direction, helping to improve their coordination, balance and control while building confidence in their physical abilities.

Maths

During this half term, we will be securing our number knowledge within 10 using the White Rose scheme. The children will explore different ways of representing, sorting, and composing 9 and 10, as well as practising ordering numbers forwards and backwards. These activities will help to build a strong understanding of number, quantity, and relationships, laying the foundations for confident early maths skills.

Exploring Art and Design

Creating with Materials

This half term, following the Kapow Art scheme, the children will explore Sculpture & 3D. They will use materials like playdough and clay to shape, mould, and join, creating their own three-dimensional artworks. This hands-on work will help develop their creativity, imagination, and fine motor skills while experimenting with form, texture, and structure.

Being Imaginative and Expressive

The children will explore music this half term. They will listen, experiment with sounds, and use their voices and instruments to express ideas and feelings. Through fun musical games and activities, they will develop creativity and confidence while enjoying making and sharing music together.

Exciting Event!

World Book Day – Thursday 5th March

Angie's Animal Antics on Friday 6th March - We are thrilled to welcome Angie's Animal Antics into school this half term! The children will have the amazing opportunity to meet a range of animals and minibeasts, ask questions, and learn fascinating facts about them. It's sure to be a fun, hands-on experience that will inspire curiosity and excitement about the natural world.