

What are we learning this term in Reception?

Literacy

Little Wandle Phonics

The term begins with us moving on to learning phase 3 phonics, following the Little Wandle Phonics programme. Your child will continue to bring home an overview of teaching and information for you to support their learning at home at the end of each week.

I Am A Clever Writer

This half term, we will be continuing to develop our pre-writing skills by exploring a range of fine motor exercises. We will also be developing our pencil control by tracing over patterns and copying patterns, and progressing to tracing over our name and copying our name. We will be focussing on using the correct starting point and accurate letter formation.

Communication & Language

This half term, we will be using a range of traditional tales to inspire our conversations and play. The children will have opportunities to write linked to the stories we share and to role play the key events and characters. Sharing stories helps to develop vocabulary and understanding. Some of the key texts we will enjoy include *The Little Red Hen*, *The Gingerbread Man*, *Three Little Pigs* and *Goldilocks and The Three Bears*.

Understanding the World

Over this half term, we will explore how bread is made. This links to the tale of *The Little Red Hen*. We will also enjoy playing in our role play Baker's Shop and make real bread for ourselves! We will also investigate different materials and shapes when we make bridges for the Gingerbread Man to run across.

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Theme: Once Upon a Time

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 - Attitude of Gratitude

Our **Attitude of Gratitude** topic encourages the children to notice and appreciate the positive things around them and the kindness of others. The children will be encouraged to talk about what makes them happy, say thank you, and recognise kind actions. You can support this at home by talking about something your child is grateful for each day and encouraging them to notice kindness.

PE – Dance

This half term in PE, our unit focusses on dance. The children will reproduce actions in time to music, varying them depending on beat patterns and different speeds. We will copy, repeat and perform movement patterns and dance actions based on themes such as colours, animals and transport.

Maths

Our focus of learning this half term will be on recognising and representing the numbers 0 to 5 in different contexts. This will then extend to the children learning about the numbers 6, 7 and 8. We will also learn to find 1 more and 1 less, as well as doubling numbers. In addition to this, the children will explore mass and capacity through a range of practical activities.

You can find more information about what we will be learning by following:

<https://whiteroseeducation.com/resources?year=reception&subject=maths>

Exploring Art and Design

Paint My World

In our Art lessons, we will explore lots of different ways of painting, including finger painting, painting outdoors, painting to music and also using collage techniques.

Being Imaginative and Expressive

This half term, Reception will be encouraged to listen and respond to a wide variety of music. The children will learn to sing along with nursery rhymes and action songs, as well as learning to play classroom instruments too.

Exciting Event!

On **Tuesday 3rd February**, Reception will hold their Fairytale Fun afternoon, where parents and carers will be invited to join their child in school to share stories and craft! More details to follow.