



Year R Newsletter Spring 2 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

Can you believe we are already halfway through the year? Where has the time gone? The children have made a huge amount of progress so far this year and have settled fully into the routine of school. This half term, we are looking for more "ready to read" children and are excited to see the children becoming more independent in their self-care, writing and self-regulation.

Notices

- School uniform, coats, hats and scarves can be easily mislaid, so please ensure that your child's name is clearly marked on each item.
- We are low on socks, tights, underwear and spare clothes. If you have any spares at home that you don't need, they will be greatly appreciated.
- If you have any random bits at home that you no longer need please ask in class if we can find a use for them. Things like cardboard boxes, old books, used toys, kitchen appliances and wood.

Attendance Percentages for Reception

The first few years are probably the most important education that your child will ever receive. All the building blocks for the rest of their education are started in these early years. As an academy, we have a very strict attendance policy with every child having an attendance target of 97.5%.

Robin: 93.1%

Wren: 93.1%

Target: 97.5%

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

During this term, the children are carrying on with developing their social skills, learning about their emotions and promoting kindness in the classroom and playground. This shall be achieved by the use of stories, class discussion and roleplay.

Literacy

The children have made great progress with learning their sounds and learning to blend. We will continue to group the children for reading and writing activities to support their individual needs. Please enjoy the book banded reading books the children are bringing home in their reading wallets, as well as the reading books your child brings home once a week. We hope you are accessing the Monster Phonics stories online, which link to the phonics sounds the children have been learning that week.

Understanding the World

We shall be learning about different animals this half term with topics such as Pets, On The Farm, Under The Sea and Down In The Jungle. We will be looking at the different habitats and life cycles this half term, including as minibeasts.

We will continue to encourage the children to talk about the models they have made in their free play. The children will also have opportunities to use technology in the classroom, using

Mathematics

This half term, the children are continuing with daily Maths. Lessons will include the topics subtraction and addition as well as money and patterns. A big focus in our maths is to extend the children's mathematical vocabulary. The children will be learning the different terms "equation, add, subtract, part, whole and total".

Expressive Arts and Design

This term, we are encouraging the children to express their creativity using various media and materials. This includes, play dough, painting, chalks, pastels, and clay. With better weather on the way, we are encouraging the children to dress up in their role play and become different characters including vets, post office workers and farmers.

Communication and Language

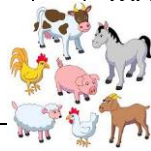
We are developing the children's speech further by encouraging the children to participate in class discussions and to explain their knowledge and opinions.

Physical Development

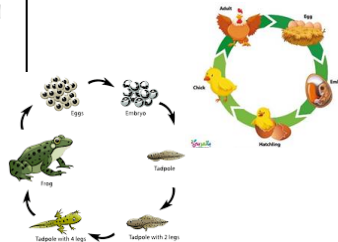
PE for both classes continues to be on a Friday. The children will be focussing on ball skills this half term. Within our classroom provision we open the outdoor area at 9.30am to allow children to move freely and use the range of available resources. The children will be focussing on setting up equipment and resources to promote their safety awareness. Pencil grip and the correct use of scissors will continue to be a big focus for the term.

Phonics

Phonics continues to take place daily in Reception. We have now taught all of the Reception sounds and therefore will be focusing on consolidation and word reading this half term. We strongly encourage all the children to read at home, sharing their book banded books with you, as well as the Monster Phonics eBooks which encourage reading of a specific sound. You can also access all of the Phonics Practice Videos on Seesaw.



**I've learnt
about
creatures
that used to
be alive, what
animals are
alive now?**



Reception Team

Robin Class

Teacher: Mrs Carew

TA: Miss Jones

Wren Class

Teacher: Mrs Saftoiu

TA: Miss Prosper and Miss S

