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Reception Overview

Dear Parents,

We would like to welcome you back after half term. This is a very exciting half term in regard to the children's learning, as the children are fully settled into their classes and we are able to introduce more exciting and interesting weekly topics. We were extremely pleased with the progress the children made last term and have high expectations for this one.

Christmas Nativity - coming up this half term we have our Reception and Year 1 Nativity. The children perform a morning show and an afternoon show over two days. We are just finalising these dates on the whole school calendar and will share these with you asap.

Notices

- Please ensure the children are wearing their PE kits to school every Friday for their weekly PE lesson. Please ensure these are Autumn/Winter appropriate and shoes are dark coloured trainers or plimsoles.
- The children will continue to take home a reading book each Friday.
- As children become early readers themselves, they will begin to take home a book banded book (we suggest these books are read for a couple of days and then changed, not just on a Friday.) We use the reading wallets to help us keep track of the reading books coming to and from school. Simply pop the reading wallet (book inside) in the designated tray in the classroom and the teachers will know the child wants to change their book.
- We encourage all children to take part in reading activities at home to develop their phonic knowledge and fluency skills. You can access the Daily Practice Videos on Seesaw to help consolidate the children's phonics.
- If you have arranged for someone to collect your child not listed on the admission form, for safety reasons please ensure that you let us know in advance.
- School uniform, PE kits, coats, hats, and scarves can be easily mislaid, so please ensure that your child's name is clearly marked on each item. For safety reasons, earrings must be studs, not hoops.

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: 89.9%

Wren: 95.4%

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.

Expressive Arts and Design

This term one of our topics is Our Heritage. This includes looking at and recreating traditional patterns. The children will also be using a variety of art techniques to create piece such as natural artwork and firework pictures. Both reception classes have a role play areas in their classroom. These areas are designed to develop the children's imaginative play.

Understanding the World

We will be learning about world festivals and celebrations this half term. This is a very interesting topic and we will be looking at the worlds religious celebrations, such as Hanukkah along with UK traditions such as bonfire night. We will also be continuing to learn about the seasons leading into winter. We shall learn about winter animals, clothes and the artic. We will continue to encourage the children to talk about the models they have made in their free play and will take lots of pictures of these wonderful models and will share these with you on Seesaw.

Mathematics

This term the children are progressing in their maths knowledge and skills, they will continue to learn about numbers to 10. Securing this through counting activities, developing number recognition and ordering of the numbers 0-10. We will also be looking at comparisons in relation to size and ordering objects into length, weight and height. We will continue to learn about 2D shape as well as progressing into 3D. The children will develop their number formation and how to solve problems independently.

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I've learnt who I am and where I'm from. What about others and other places?

Physical Development

We open up the outdoor area at 9.30am to allow children to move freely and use the range of available resources. We shall be focussing on safety this half term when approaching new tasks and handling equipment. Wrens and Robins PE will continue to be on a Friday. The children will be focussing on team games this term. We are putting a big emphasis on the children's fine motor skills this half term, developing their pencil grip and letter formation.

Communication and Language

We will continue to use talk partners as a way for the children to develop their speech and understanding, the children have the opportunity to do this during our daily morning carpet session, where we introduce the learning for the day. We put a big emphasis on children's oracy skills and encourage the children to speak in full sentences to support their writing.

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Literacy

We are loving our Bookwings Phonics lessons, the children are continuing to learn their sounds and to segment and blend when reading and writing. We will also be encouraging the children to read phonetically decodable reading books. The daily practice videos will continue to be uploaded to Seesaw for the children to consolidate their learning at home.

Robin Class:
Class Teacher: Mrs Carew
TA: Ms Prosper
Wren Class:
Class Teacher: Mrs Plews
TA: Miss Beason