

Life in Reception

The Reception children have settled in excellently to their new routines. They have been having SO much fun already.

We start each morning by finding our name for our self-registration. We then have lots of fun joining in with Jumpstart Jonny which warms us up ready for the day ahead. We have been doing various activities since starting Reception including writing our name, throwing and catching a ball and showing off our cutting skills.

During our first week in Reception, the children met their Year 6 buddies! They were all SO excited!!!

Numeracy

All of our maths activities are very practical and the children are always keen to 'have a go'.

We will look at patterns and how they are made such as using natural objects (shells, pinecones and conkers). The children will sort shapes in many different ways and will help Mrs Hogg and Mrs Brown match their socks!

We will also look at the different representations of numbers 1-3. The children will look at these numbers in many ways from dots on dice to numbers on a clock.

Near the end of our first half-term, the children will compare size, mass and capacity. They will be encouraged to use lots of mathematical vocabulary including big, little, tall, short, heavy and light.

Phonics

Phonics is a vital part of our learning in Reception. We follow the Sounds-Write phonics programme which we access daily. To begin with, each session will last around half an hour. We complete activities such as word building and sound-swap.

This half-term, we will learn these sounds:

a i m s t n p o b c g h

We will learn these high-frequency words:

I is the

Reading books will not be given out until we have completed Unit 1 (a, i, m, s, t). Reading books will be sent home the w/c 3rd October.

There is a free phonics course available to parents:

<https://www.udemy.com/course/help-your-child-to-read-and-write/>

Literacy

We will be focusing upon the story 'How to Catch a Star'. To help us re-tell the story, we will use British Sign Language actions alongside our class story map.

In small groups, the children will work together to create their own story maps. The children will show off their phonics knowledge that they have learnt so far and will fill in missing words from the story and they will even write some of the characters names.

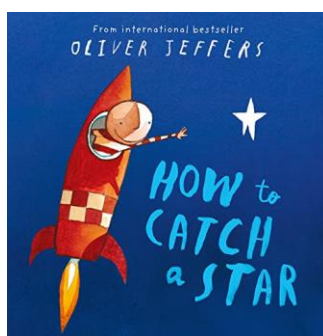
All of the writing that the children will be expected to do will match the phonics that the children have learnt so far (writing words such as Sam, Tim, mat, tin etc).

Understanding the World

We will be focusing upon a history unit this half-term. We will look at a range of photos of our teachers from the past and will put them in chronological order by sequencing the photographs. The children will then think about their own families! We will be asking grown-ups in a few weeks time to send in photographs of the children as a baby. The children will complete a self-portrait of themselves now and will talk about how they have changed!

We will think about different things that we do with our families. The children will think about if their birthday parties would be the same as their grandparents birthday parties? The children will talk about how there are many different types of families and we will read 'A Quiet Night In'. We will look at different families, such as the Royal Family and Paddington Bear, and we will talk about the differences between families.

We finalise our unit by each creating a family portrait.



R.E

Our unit in R.E this half term is 'Family'. We will gather to talk about our Christian and Family names.

We will reflect upon what makes us all unique and why we are all precious to God.

We will create a poster of someone in our family who is precious to us.

At the end of the unit, we will gather together as a year group and will celebrate what we have learnt with a collective worship.

Reminder

Please ensure your children's clothing is labelled. We have had several jumpers, cardigans and coats that do not have any names on. Thank you!

Home school diaries are due into school every Wednesday. They will then be sent back home every Friday.

Thank you for all your support! ☺