

Spring One in Reception



Phonics & Literacy

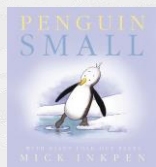
We are continuing with our phonics programme every day.

Children will be learning digraphs and bring home the flashcards to practise each sound that has been introduced. Please practise saying the letter sounds and writing the letters with your child.

Children are practising blending sounds together to read words. We do this every day with our reading books and children will bring the books home to practise also. Books will come home on a Friday and should be returned on a Monday.

We are reading...

Books and stories that we will focus on this term are



Maths

We follow the White Rose Maths Scheme. We also use 'Numberblocks' to explore Maths concepts.

This term, children will explore ...

- One more, one less
- Counting & Ordering numbers
- Number recognition
- Repeating patterns



Physical Development

We will have PE lessons with a coach every Monday morning and will be developing our gross motor skills as well as learning how to put actions together and move to music.

Children are being encouraged to hold a pencil correctly and use scissors accurately. We have lots of opportunities in our classroom at the moment to support our fine motor skills such as pegging, cutting, threading, jigsaws, tweezers and modelling clay.

General Info

Resourcing such creative masterpieces in Reception can be tricky! We would greatly appreciate any boxes, yoghurt pots and tubes that would ordinarily be considered 'rubbish'.

Reading books will be sent home on Friday. Please could you return your child's reading book by **Wednesday at the latest** so that we have time to hear your child read and send a new book home. Thank you.

Please remember to send your child to school with their book bag every day.

Please ensure that all items of school uniform are clearly labelled with your child's name.



Understanding The World

Our theme this term will begin with exploring Winter and our learning challenge question is **Why is it always cold in Winter?**

We will then move on to thinking about cold places around the world, such as the Arctic and the Antarctic and we will compare those places with where we live.

Children will continue to think about how special occasions and festivals are celebrated in different cultures and we will learn about Chinese New Year celebrations.

Arts & Design

Children will be encouraged to develop their creative skills this term when using clay to create snowmen models. There will be lots of new skills to develop and we look forward to seeing the final masterpieces!

Children will be encouraged to further explore colour mixing following their interest in this last term. We'll be encouraging them to make predictions and explore how to make new colours and how to make colours lighter and darker shades.

PE

Reception children have PE sessions on a Monday morning

PE Kits are provided by school. Please ensure your child has a pair of gym shoes or trainers in school which will stay in their kit bag.

Outdoors

As we explore Winter we will be carrying out a bird watch and will be thinking about how we can make and hang bird feeders to help the birds that visit our school garden.

Playing...



...and learning!

