

Reception Curriculum Overview Spring 1 Term 2026

This is an overview of what the children in Reception will be learning during the first half of the Spring Term.

BEING IMAGINATIVE- This term the children will be role playing in the home corner, the outdoor garage and the mud kitchen.

ART- The children will have many opportunities throughout the term to explore a variety of materials such as painting, drawing and printing.

MUSIC- This term the children will be learning about music and movement. The children will come up with simple actions to well known songs and will learn how to move to a beat and express feelings and emotions through music.

RE - Which stories are special and why? We are going to look at which stories are special to us and why. We are going to look at different stories from different religions and talk about why they are special to different people.



PE Sessions



Every Tuesday, the children in Reception participate in a P.E. lesson. This term the children will be focusing on developing their overall body strength, co-ordination, balance and agility needed to engage successfully with physical disciplines such as gymnastics, Please remember to send you child to school wearing their P.E. Kit.

PSHE - The children will be learning different stories to help to support their self-regulation, recognising and using their senses, being kind, life cycles and looking after our environment.

PHONICS - The children in Reception will apply their independent blending skills to words and simple captions using Phase 2 and some Phase 3 sounds. We will continue to teach Phase 3 sounds including: oo, ar, ur, or, ow, oi, ear, air, ure, er, ow. Children will recognise more words on sight including: 'they, all, are, ball, tall, when, what.'

HOME LEARNING

Home Reading: books will be changed every Friday. Please bring your child's book bag into school daily.

Please note:

It is still expectation that children continue to read at least 3 times a week at home. Please make sure you have set up your 'BoomRead' account.

Homework:

A homework grid will be provided for you to complete one activity each week. When you have completed one send the work in or send photos through class dojo.

Websites to support your child's learning

www.phonicsplay.co.uk

www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/numberblocks

www.topmarks.co.uk

Belgrave Phonics - youtube

www.starfall.com- phonics

www.phonicsbloom.com

School Trips - The children will be going on a trip to Peak Wildlife Park to look at polar bears, penguins and different animals from cold climates.

UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORLD-

The children will be learning about different scientific processes such as freezing and melting and floating and sinking. **WOW words:** liquid, solid, melting, changing, freezing, buoyancy, heavy, absorption.

They will also be learning about the Winter weather, climates in different places such as the South Pole and the Arctic and polar animals.



Literacy



The children will be reading the book 'Lost and Found'. We will be focusing on talking about and describing characters and settings and ordering events that take place in a story. We will use 'Talk for Writing' to practice using 'story words' to retell stories. The children will be practicing their handwriting and forming recognisable letters. The children will be learning how to use Non-fiction books about Winter and Polar animals.

MATHEMATICS-

We will help children compare numbers by making equal and unequal groups. They will learn that two equal groups are called a double and link this to finger patterns. Children will sort odd and even numbers by their shape, practise counting in order using a "staircase" pattern, and learn what numbers mean and where they come in a sequence. They will order numbers, play number track games, and join in with counting beyond 20, noticing the repeating patterns in numbers.

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