

## Curriculum Newsletter

### Reception Year Group and Staff Reception

Ms Debernardis, Mrs Cockley and Mrs Peng

#### R.W.I

This term we will continue the RWI phonics programme by learning to blend.

Children use sounds they know, put them together and read new words. We also learn how to write each sound, paying special attention to the letter formation.



#### English

Children will apply the skills they have learnt in RWI to read and write. The curriculum will be delivered through a variety of high quality texts which engage children and reflect their interests. This term we will be reading Anna

Hibiscus' Song, I will never ever eat a tomato and the Blue Penguin as well as a text linked to World Book Week which I will confirm closer to the time.

We will also continue with our weekly vocabulary lessons.

#### Maths

Children will learn how to count on and back to 20 through song and rhymes. They will also keep counting by rote to 100 identifying patterns along the way.

We will begin to count in steps of 2, 5 and 10 as the basis for future work on multiplication.

They will be challenged further to complete basic practical addition and subtraction problems. They will also explore money, properties of 3D shapes, position and time.



#### Ourselves



Children will learn about healthy eating, the importance of exercise and basic hygiene and healthy minds. They will learn how to put these practises into their daily routine to encourage a healthy lifestyle.

We will continue to learn about how we keep can safe and how we keep others safe too.

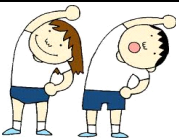
#### R.E.

For RE lessons we follow the **Religious Education Directory**. Religious education is outlined in 6 different branches

The branches for this term are:

**Galilee to Jerusalem**— where children study what happened after the birth of Jesus and His mission to help and love others all through His life

**Desert to Garden**— this is based on the seasons of Lent and Easter.



#### PE

Please ensure that your child brings appropriate PE kit on the correct day.

Lessons will take place every Thursday morning. We will be aiming to have as many PE lessons as possible outdoors (weather permitting) so please make sure your child brings jogging bottoms rather than shorts.

**NB: please make sure all items of clothing, especially PE kit, has your child's name on.**

#### Art & Design



During this term children will use role play to express themselves while focusing on performance and use of appropriate voice.

Children will also play instruments independently concentrating on rhythm and sounds and creating their own musical compositions.

They will be working with natural resources to highlight the use of texture in their collages.

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### Understanding of the World

Children will learn to show care and concern for living things in the environment. They will familiarise and compare different habitats.

They will explore how different animals and plants grow highlighting the fact that these are cycles. This term we will be observing the life cycle of a butterfly. Children will also have an opportunity to grow a plant and explore its parts.



We will also be learning about toys in the past and comparing them to the toys we use today.

### Computing

Children will learn how to log in to a laptop or iPad using their unique username and password.



They will also use a simple program to research different topics related to what they are learning. Children will use digital cameras and iPads to take pictures of the plants and animals they can observe in the outdoor

### PSED



Children will be given the opportunity to share their thoughts and opinions in order to gain confidence.

They will be encouraged to develop independence and to negotiate and solve their own problems.

We will focus on positive wellbeing and encourage children to develop personal strategies which will help them remain positive even during tough times.

### Homework



Children in Reception will receive English and Maths homework every Friday and it is due back on the following Tuesday. This homework will be posted on Google Classroom.

They will also receive some "red" words which they need to learn how to read and write independently. Try to avoid rushing through the list, choose 3 or 4 at a time and encourage them to learn those as well as say them in a full sentence.

### Music



This term children in reception will be concentrating on exploring the different sounds instruments make. They will have an opportunity to make up simple songs and rhythmic patterns.

### Reading

Children will be taking home books each week. These will be changed weekly.

Please read with your child every day. Once you have heard your child read, ask them questions about the book.

They will also be able to access Oxford Owl for further reading practise.

