



Reception Newsletter

'We can and will succeed'

Staff in Class: Teachers: Mrs Jones and Mrs Wilkinson. Nursery Nurses: Mrs Wharton, Mrs Harwood and Mrs Wilkinson.

Message from the staff: Happy New Year to all our families! We would like to welcome you back after the Christmas holidays. We hope you all had a good break and are ready to start a new term. We will continue to use Seesaw to document children's learning in EYFS. You will be able to see your child's learning at school, add your own observations and complete home learning activities. As always, please come and speak to a member of staff if you have any questions, concerns or comments.

Class Topic: The World Around Us!

Reception will be exploring the world around us this half term. We will look at Winter weather, exploring the changes around us and compare to the Polar regions. We will be celebrating Chinese New Year and finding out about the dances and food. We will also be exploring which jobs we can see in our community and why recycling is so important to the world around us.

Knowledge and Understanding of the World

Exploring winter weather. What do we wear in Winter? What does our environment look like in Winter?

Celebrating Chinese New Year. What do the celebrations look like? What food do people eat?

Exploring occupations. What jobs can we see in our community?

Recycling. What can be recycled and why?

Maths:

Exploring numbers 6,7 and 8.
Practice writing numbers 1 to 8.
Combining 2 numbers.

Measuring:
Comparing mass. Which is heaviest?
Comparing capacity - full, empty, half full, nearly full, nearly empty.

Calendar and Time:
Days of the Week.
Seasons.



English:

The children will be learning stories through 'Talk Through Stories'. We will be reading the stories frequently to get to know them really well and learning the vocabulary in them.

The stories this term are: One Snowy Night, Lost and Found and Burglar Bill.

Phonics: Children will continue learning letter sounds and how to blend and segment words. They will continue to practice m, a, s, d, t, i, n, g, o, c, k, u, b, f, e, l, h, sh, r, j, v, y, w, th, z, ch, qu, x, ng, nk and build words with these sounds. Eg. s-a-t, sat, b-u-g bug.

Name writing: Children will practise recognising and writing their name each day. They will practise forming the letters correctly.

Physical Development:

- ♦ Getting dressed and undressed.
- ♦ Moving around the hall.
- ♦ Using the outdoor area - climbing on the climbing frame and using the bikes.
- ♦ Bikeability training.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Dreams and Goals
Piece 1 - Challenge
Piece 2 - Never Giving Up
Piece 3 - Setting a Goal
Piece 4 - Obstacles and Support
Piece 5 - Flight to the Future
Piece 6 - Award Ceremony

Creative Development:

Winter scenes and collages
Making snowflakes
Colour mixing
Listen to music and make their own dances in response.
Chinese Lanterns
Chinese Writing



How parents can help: Please help your children to recognise and write their name. Practise counting objects at home. Read books daily with your child and encourage them to retell the stories. Please ensure your child wears the correct uniform to school every day.

Days/Dates to remember:

PE with the Sports Coach is on Thursday for EYW and Friday for EYJ. Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit in school.

Reading books will be changed weekly. Ideally your child should bring their book bag every day, but please ensure your child's book is back in school on their changing day. Please complete/sign the comments box so we can give them a new book. If you are not sure which day your child changes their book then please see the list posted on the conservatory window or speak to a member of staff.