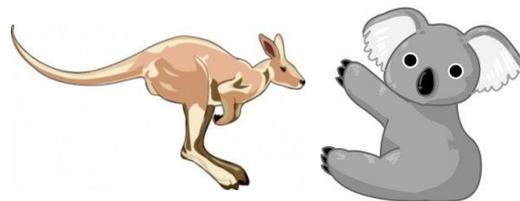


Curriculum Newsletter for Reception



Dear Parents and Carers,

Your children have been working so hard with their learning so far this year, and we would like to thank you for all your support.

Class	Reception – Kangaroo and Koalas		
Class Teachers	Miss Richardson - Kangaroo		
	Miss Capel– Koala		
	Mrs Forster works across both classes		
Support staff working in the classroom	Mrs Kimber Mrs Parsons Mrs Morris		
Home learning	We encourage you to revise the tricky words we provided at parents evening and use them to make sentences. Each week children have a Mathletics task that is set by the teachers. If you have not already completed some of these, we would encourage you to do so in preparation for Year 1.		
Reading books	This term, in preparation for Year1, children will begin changing their own books. This means they will be using the reading scheme and will bring home a variety of books with new words. Some of the books will have words that cannot be decoded. We would encourage you to talk about these with your children and try to spot them in other books. Children may bring home the same book more than once. This will enable your child to practise words they were unsure of previously and will further develop their understanding of the story. Also, remember to sign the reading record when you have read with your child.		
PE kits	When PE kits are sent home we would kindly ask you to return them promptly and if any new kit has been added that it is clearly named.		
Planned trips this year	Summer Term – Chiltern Open Air Museum date to be confirmed.		
Topic work this year	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
	<i>First Half:</i> Kangaroo/Koala Class and me <i>Second Half:</i> Let's Celebrate!	<i>First Half:</i> 3, 2, 1 Blast Off! <i>Second Half:</i> Under the Sea	<i>First Half:</i> Creepy Crawlies <i>Second Half:</i> Once Upon a Time

In addition to this, we thought it would be useful to share with you what children will be learning about up until the end of the year, so that you can support their learning at home. If you have any questions please speak to the class teacher. If you have any 'Show and Tell' relating to these themes we would love to see them. We encourage books, achievements, photographs and family events. If you are struggling with areas, we love to celebrate children's drawings from home **rather than toys**.

'Creepy Crawlies!' and 'Traditional Tales'

During this half term the children will be learning about 'Creepy Crawlies'. We will look at a variety of stories in our Literacy sessions including 'Superworm' and 'What the Ladybird Heard'. The children will carry out a variety of activities linked to the stories such as writing facts, role playing the stories and making a variety of minibeasts. The children will also look at the features of nonfiction books and use these to find facts out about minibeasts! In Maths this term we will be looking at measuring, halving and doubling and solving practical mathematical problems.

After half term our theme will be 'Traditional Tales'. The children will look at a variety of well-known stories such as 'Little Red Riding Hood' and 'The Three Little Pigs'. The children will look at the way a story is structured, make up and write their own stories and use story language e.g once upon a time. In Maths, we will be looking at time, money and writing and recording number.

Phonics

We are moving quickly through the phonics scheme. We have now learnt most of the digraphs. At home, you can practice these by spotting them in the reading book, using them when writing with your child and using the phonic cards we send home. We encourage the children to form the letter correctly and not to write in capital letters.

RE

Our theme this half term in R.E. is 'Who cares for the special world and why?' The children will be looking at the different bible stories such as the Parable of the Talent and the Good Samaritan. During the second half of the term, children will be focussing on 'Incarnation – why do Christians believe Jesus is special?'. As part of the learning, children will read stories such as The Lost Sheep and The Healing of the Paralysed Man. We will also continue to learn a variety of Christian songs such as Great Big God! Through our collective worship, we will be learning about the Christian values of reverence and justice.

Preparation for Year One.

As we move in to our last term of Reception we will be encouraging the children to be fully independent. For example, taking letters out of bags independently, changing their own books and being responsible for their own belongings. In preparation for Year 1 we will be joining in on playtimes and attending all worships. The children will also begin to have more structure to their day.

As we begin the summer term we would like to remind you that in Reception we free flow throughout the day. This means that children can be outside for a large part of the day. Therefore, we ask that all children bring in a hat and water bottle daily and that sun cream is applied before arriving at school.

If you have any questions about this, feel free to talk to one of the Reception team and we will be happy to help.

Many thanks again for your continued support.
Miss Capel and Miss Richardson.

