



RHODES AVENUE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Reception Spring Term 2022

Curriculum Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted that the children settled so well into Reception school life. We had a busy first term, getting to know each other and all the adults. We are excited to continue our learning with our friends. Our topic this half term is 'Amazing Changes' and we will be learning about changes in nature, ourselves and food through a variety of activities. Following our 'big question' and the children's responses, we will also be guided by the children's interests. The next topic in Spring 2 will be 'Let's Explore' and we will be looking at growth in fruit and vegetables, planting our own fruit and vegetables and learning about how to stay healthy. It is going to be another fun filled busy term!

Prime Areas

Personal, Social & Emotional

- Listening to others when they are speaking
- Waiting for our turn
- Identifying and moderating our feelings, emotionally and socially
- Considering the feelings of others
- Sharing resources and being kind to others
- Thinking about the perspective of others

Physical Development

- Developing small motor skills to use a range of tools competently
- Using one-handed tools appropriately
- Using a pencil in a tripod grip
- Further developing and refining a range of ball skills, e.g. throwing, catching, aiming, etc
- Knowing and talking about the different factors that support our overall health & wellbeing

Communication and Language

- Learning why listening is important
- Using new vocabulary in different contexts
- Listening to and talking about stories to build familiarity and understanding
- Retelling stories

- Articulating ideas and thoughts in well-formed sentences
- Using talk to help work out problems and to organise thinking and activities

Specific Areas

Literacy

- Encouraging correct letter formation and independent writing
- 1:1 or partner reading with class teacher
- Further developing reading skills to read simple phrases or sentences, including common exception words
- Using non-fiction books to find information related to our topics
- Using the book area to enjoy independent reading
- Daily phonics grouped lessons to ensure learning is targeted to child's learning needs

Mathematics

- Comparing and exploring numbers to 10
- Understanding one more than / one less than
- Recalling number bonds to 10
- Looking closely at shapes to notice shapes within shapes
- Measuring activities related to capacity and length

Understanding the World

- Exploring the natural world around us
- Understanding the effect of seasonal changes
- Describing what they see, feel and hear whilst outside
- Cooking and baking to show changes in the ingredients
- Celebrating diversity through special occasions
- Talking about healthy eating and growing

Expressive Arts & Design

- Developing storylines in our play
- Creating collaboratively, sharing ideas and skills
- Building on previous learning, refining and developing ideas
- Expressing ideas and feelings in a creative way
- Exploring and engaging in music making

Observations and Planning for the Children's Progression

Don't forget about our online learning journal – Tapestry - to celebrate the children's learning. Please be reminded to log in on a regular basis to have a look at what your child has been doing in school or to upload significant happenings from home which you would like to share with us. If you are having any difficulties in accessing Tapestry, please tell the class teacher who will be able to help.

Home Learning

Please be reminded to check our Reception web page on the school website every Friday to find out what we have been up to in school for the week. You will also find some home learning suggestions should you wish to do some things at home to enhance your child's learning.

Please ensure the yellow book bag is returned to school every Monday. Reinforcing the child's phonics learning at home will really help them to consolidate their learning to make progress.

Important Spring term dates for your diaries:

Half term	Monday 14 th February - Friday 18 th February
World Book Day	Thursday 3 rd March
Parents' Evenings	Dates TBC
End of Spring term	Friday 1 st April

Other Information

All important notices will be placed in the class notice boards/ classroom windows and emailed so please make sure that your contact details are up to date with the school office.

Our year group page on the school website has some valuable information about the Reception year and age related expectations. It also has some resources for you to help your child learn at home. Please have a look and speak to your class teacher if you have any questions.

Please remember to always provide a change of clothes in a named bag. Clothes should be clearly labelled with your child's name. This bag stays in school in a box under their peg. It may be an idea to check what your child has in their change bag as they could have outgrown the clothes or it may not be stocked with clothing appropriate for this time of year. Ask your class teacher if you would like your child to take their bag home to be checked/replenished.

If you have any questions or queries, please remember we are always here to help. After school is a more convenient time to speak to us as the morning time is very busy.

Thank you for your continued support,
Laura, Kirsty, Kelly and Myrtle

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