



Reception Spring 2 Curriculum Newsletter



Dear Parent / Carer,

We have had a good Spring Term so far whether we have been learning online or at school. We have enjoyed our topics and look forward to more fun in Spring 2. The children have loved completing their weekly activities. They are very excited about Doodle Maths and Epic Reading. Please continue to encourage your children to read with you at home using the Oxford Owl reading books– the FS2 children are becoming fantastic readers! We will also be starting a new writing challenge. Please encourage your children to write sentences and share them online or in class.

Subject Overviews

Writing

The children are getting so good at writing. They are using the skills they have learned in RWI in their writing remembering to Fred talk words. We will continue to practise writing simple sentences remembering our capital letters, full stops, and finger spaces between words. We will also try writing lists and labelling pictures this half term. Through our continuous provision we will be developing our skills through writing customer orders, recipes, menus and making invitations. The children will practise using their Fred talk to spell longer unfamiliar words. This term we will start our Super Sentences writing challenge.

Reading

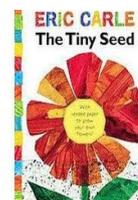
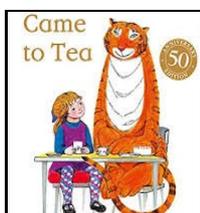
We are amazed at how much progress the children have made in Read Write Inc this term. We have been building our comprehension in our reading. We will continue to encourage the children to read sentences and explain what they are reading. This term we will be working on looking for special friends and red words to help read unfamiliar words. We will continue to share a range of stories together and make predictions about what will happen next in the story. The children are really enjoying our new reading books. Please share these with your children at home to help them with the speed of their reading.

Maths

This term the children will be asked to reliably count from one to 20, place them in order and say which number is one more or one less than a given number. Using quantities and objects, the children will add and subtract two single-digit numbers and begin to count on or back to find the answer. We will begin to carry out practical activities involving doubling and halving. The children will continue to be introduced to key vocabulary when learning about shape, weight, length, money and capacity. We will look into comparing quantities and solving simple problems when looking at these areas. The children will be able to practise all of these skills during our daily continuous provision and Maths sessions.

Topic

This half term we will learn about Healthy Eating, Time and Growing. We will investigate and discuss healthy and unhealthy food and create our own meal. As part of this topic we will be reading 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea'. The children will have the opportunity for some fantastic role play which they always enjoy. During our 'Time' topic another great story we will be looking at is 'What's the Time Mr Wolf?' We will also be comparing night and day, as well as introducing clocks and telling the time. We will also be looking at 'Growing'- making observations and finding out if the bulbs we planted in Autumn have grown. 'The Tiny Seed' is another the books we will be sharing.



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Personal Social and Emotional

The children are getting good at taking turns when playing games and doing puzzles with friends. They really enjoy working with each other taking account of one another's ideas about how to organise their activity. Our children are great at forming positive relationships with adults and other children from other classes. This is lovely to observe.

Communication and Language

This half term the children will be playing lots of auditory memory games. This will help them develop memory recall that will help in reading and writing. We will also practise story telling using story telling language appropriately. We can't wait to hear some of their great stories!

Physical Development

We are getting good at holding a pencil and will practise our letter and number formation over this half term. In our weekly PE sessions our focus will be dance and movement explored through our topics. We will experiment with different ways of moving in relation to emotion.

Music

This term we will continue to explore different aspects of music through our topics. We will make sounds using our voices, body percussion and instruments. We will explore pitch including changes in pitch using graphic symbols and vocally. We will listen and respond to pitch changes and express this through movement. Also the children will create a class composition of music.

Understanding the World

During this term, we will be talking to the children about healthy and non-healthy foods through our weekly topics. The children will know the importance of good health, physical exercise, and a healthy diet. They will also learn about ways to keep healthy and safe. The children are very good at managing their own basic hygiene and personal needs successfully. Please can you help your child to develop independence in dressing and undressing as this will help with our weekly PE sessions when we start changing in school in the future.

ICT

This half term the children will aim to complete simple programs on the i-Pads. Linked with our topic Healthy Eating the children will create their own healthy plates in ICT. They will be encouraged to select and use technology for particular purposes linked with our learning. The children will use Bee bot computer programmes to solve various challenges by programming a cartoon bee to move around different levels through sequences of forwards, backwards, left and right 90 degree.

Expressive Arts and Design

Children will explore a variety of materials, experimenting with colour, design, texture, and shape. They will design their own picnics, while making sure it's colourful and healthy. Children will make food out of clay. The children will have the opportunity to role play with friends in our café. The children's learning and development in this area will be enhanced as they sing songs, make music and dance, and through developing their own narratives through their role play.

FS2 have PE every Wednesday. Please bring in spare clothes that are no longer needed to we have plenty in school if needed.

Homework

Reading- Please share a wide range of stories with your children at home.

Writing- Encourage children to write sentences and lists at home. They could write your shopping lists for you one week.

Maths- Encourage children to make up their own addition and subtraction problems-using their fingers or objects to help.

Topic The Tiger Who Came to Tea – Go on a healthy food hunt in the supermarket. Can they make a list of the health food they find? Try making a smoothie with some fresh fruit. Can they write a sentence to describe how it tastes?

What's the time Mr Wolf? Talk to the children about times of the day that mean something to them. What time do you wake up? What time do we start School? What time do you eat lunch? What time do you go to bed?

The Tiny Seed – Draw and label a picture of things that grow. Can you name any parts of flowering plants or trees? Make or paint a flower. Can you think of some words to describe the flower?

Children are encouraged to complete their homework because it reinforces the learning which takes place in school and is another opportunity to practise.

Remember to send us pictures of your home learning on ILD.

Upcoming Events in Spring 2

- Thursday 4 March 2021 World Book Day– Children dress up as their favourite book character
- Last Day of Term 1 April 2021