

Reception Newsletter

The children settled in really well last half term and are now familiar with routines. The topic in Reception this term is 'Tell me a Story - Traditional Tales', 'Festivities' and 'Celebrations'.

Visiting the nature garden.

Children will be visiting the nature garden to explore the natural world, they will take part in bug hunts, looking at how seasons change.

Children will need to bring Wellington boots with names written inside and in a labelled plastic bag.

Reading Diaries

Please read daily with your child and sign and date the reading record book every time that you read with your child. Please continue to practise the sounds we have learnt so far. Last half term we learnt the sounds **s, a, t, p, i, n, m, d, g, o, c, k, e, u, r** and **ss**.

Tapestry

We hope you have all logged onto Tapestry and have been able to see your child's Learning Journal online. We have enjoyed looking at the observations that parents have been sending us! So thank you very much! Please continue to send us pictures of your child's learning at home. The expectation is to post on Tapestry at least once a week.

Please inform your child's class teacher if you're still unable to access Tapestry.

Tapestry can be accessed via the Apple APP Store or the Google Play Store or through the following webpage:

www.tapestryjournal.com

Username: Your email address

Password: Wembley1234@ PIN: 1234

Home Learning

This half term we will be posting home learning on Tapestry so please make sure you check Tapestry every week.

Targets

We will be looking forward to seeing you on Parent consultation day on 30th October 2023. There will be no school that day. Targets will be set for your child. Please work on these targets with your child.

Videos

Under the Memo's section of Tapestry, there are videos that we have made to support parents with reading and their maths targets. Please look at these videos.

Reading Books

Please bring your child's book bag in every day with their reading book, their reading record book and their blue home learning book. We will be highlighting the key words that children can read in their blue books and ticking words that they can write. Library books will be changed on Fridays. Parents should read with their child daily. Please ensure that you sign the reading record book everyday to show that you have been reading with your child.



Autumn walk

We will be walking to King Edward Park with the children to observe changes in the season. The children will look at the changes in the trees, the colour of the leaves and the quantity of leaves on the tree. We hope that you are able to help us out on this trip.

Festivals

In the second half of the Autumn term we will be looking at different festivals that we celebrate including: Diwali, Christmas and Hannukah. We will be making a variety of different crafts including: Salt dough diva lamps, rangoli patterns, Christmas cards etc.

Literacy

This half term, we will be reading the stories of The Three Little Pigs Goldilocks and the Three Bears and Little Red Riding Hood. To develop the children's speech and understanding of stories, we will be giving you links to the stories so that your child can practice retelling the stories at home.

Christmas Concert

This year we are planning to have a Christmas concert where children will be singing winter/festive songs. Further information will be shared closer to the time.

Our learning is broken down into 7 keys areas of development. The activities that we will doing in each of these areas is shown below:

Communication and Language Development

- I can hold a conversation in a small group with my class teacher and listen and take turns with the other children.
- I can offer explanations to problems.
- I can listen to what you tell me you want me to do and then I can do it.

Physical Development

- I can use different things like scissors, paint brushes, pens, hammers or bricks to make the things I want.
- I write letters that you can begin to recognise.

Practise using scissors and playdough to help develop your child's fine motor control. Practise the name writing targets in your child's blue book.

Literacy

- I can say each of the sounds in a short word like "cat". When you say each of the sounds like "c-a-t" I can put the sounds in the words together and tell you the word.
- I can predict and answer questions about what will happen next.

I am beginning to use letters in my writing. Sometimes I write the right letter with the sound I make as I say the words.

Please practise daily with the flash cards and key words. It makes a big difference.

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Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- I like to talk with my friends and grown ups and tell them what I know about the things they talk about.
- I know what I should do to help me and my friends share things, keep safe and be happy.
- I can help my friends to be friends again when they fall out or are cross with each other.
- I can focus and give attention to what the teacher says and follow instructions.

Understanding the World

- I like to join in with routines, like going shopping, and times that are special to me and my family like birthdays .
- I can begin to talk about the similarities and differences between the natural world and contrasting environments.
- I can talk about the lives of people around me past and present.

Expressive Arts and Design

- I can mix my own paint using powder or ready mixed paints.
- I can dress up or use toy people or cars to pretend to be other people, places or things that have happened, like a party or a wedding.
- I can use building toys, like bricks and boxes to make the thing I want to make.

Mathematics

- I can recognise quantities without counting up to 5.
- I have an understanding of the composition of numbers up to 5.
- I can find one more and 1 less than a number.
- I can identify odd and even numbers.
- I can see which group has more or fewer (less).