



Reception Spring 1 Newsletter



What's On

- ◆ This half term, our topic is '**Light and Dark/Space**'. We will explore light and dark and learn about space and the planets.
- ◆ Our class assembly is on **Friday 22nd March at 2:30pm**. All are welcome!
- ◆ PE takes place on a Monday and Tuesday. Please ensure children come to school dressed in school PE kit.
- ◆ We will have a visit from a local author, Adam Bushnell, and a workshop with Captain Chemistry. Dogs trust will also be coming in to speak to the children.

Literacy

Texts that we will be looking at this half term include: Night Monkey, Day Monkey, Man on the Moon, Astro Girl and How to catch a star. We will use these texts within our literacy lessons. We will be focusing on spelling words by identifying the sounds within them and forming all letters correctly.

Maths

In maths, we will begin to identify missing parts for numbers within 5. We will focus on equal and unequal groups when comparing numbers and explore the structure of the numbers 6 and 7. We will continue to develop their understanding of the counting system and will also explore mass and capacity.

Understanding The World

We will be exploring seasons and will develop an understanding of the effect changing seasons has on the natural world. We will compare and contrast characters from stories, including figures from the past. The children will learn about Chinese New Year and how this is celebrated, along with Shrove Tuesday. We will explore Holy books and read some stories from the Bible.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This half term, we will continue to encourage independence. The children will be practicing taking their cardigans and jumpers on and off themselves and zipping up their own coats. Please practice zipping coats up at home. We will be supporting the children to build constructive and respectful relationships

Expressive arts & design

In music, we will use the theme of 'Space' and will learn about pitch and notes. Children will be given the opportunity to listen attentively, move to and talk about music, expressing their feelings and responses. We will look at the artist Henry Moore and produce a piece of artwork using an artists style.

Communication & Language

This half term, we will encourage children to connect one idea or action to another using a range of connectives. We will describe events in some detail and support the use of new vocabulary. We will encourage and support children to use talk to help solve problems and organise thinking.

Physical Development

This half term, we will be developing our fine and gross motor skills in lots of ways. We will develop our overall body strength, co-ordination, balance and agility. We will develop our fine motor skills so that they can use a range of tools competently and confidently. We will be focusing on children's pencil grip.

Phonics

We will continue our daily Little Wandle phonics sessions this half term and will learn more grapheme (letter)-phoneme (sound) correspondences. We will start teaching phase 3 phonics which focuses on digraphs. We will continue to send home sounds and tricky words that have been learnt throughout the week. We will continue to work on our blending skills so that we are able to blend sounds into words.

Class assembly

Parents and carers are welcome to join us at **2:30pm** on **Friday 22nd March** for our Reception class assembly.



Reminder...

- ⇒ **PLEASE NAME ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING**—JUMPERS, CARDIGANS, SHOES, COATS ETC. We are still experiencing children looking for lost items of clothing with no names. Please name all items.
- ⇒ **Water bottles** are to be brought into school daily.
- ⇒ **Reading books** to be brought in on a Monday. Please practice reading at home.
- ⇒ **Library books** to be brought in on a Friday.
- ⇒ Please practice the sounds and tricky words that are sent home on a Friday.