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Reception Class Term 2 2025

<p>Communication and Language</p> <p><u>Early Years Talk Boost</u></p> <p>This term we continue our journey with Early Years Talk Boost where we focus on how to be a good learner during carpet times. Many children will have started to develop this in their previous setting, but it gets trickier when in a busy classroom.</p>   <p>We use Tizzy's learning check list to help use make good choices when learning on the carpet and in small groups.</p>	<p>Personal, Social and Emotional</p>  <p>Our next module is myHappyMind Places. myHappyMind Places is a unique, practical and engaging resource to help children deepen their understanding of emotions and develop effective self-regulation strategies. It empowers children to identify how they are feeling, recognise the impact emotions have on their minds and bodies and apply self-regulation tools to manage their emotions constructively. By fostering these skills, myHappyMind Places supports children in building resilience and confidently navigating the challenges of daily life.</p>  <p>Have you logged into the myHappyMind app? If you haven't, just scan the QR code in your child's Learning Journal to get started!</p>	<p>Physical</p> <p><u>Complete PE - Hands</u></p> <p>'Hands' may sound a little strange for a PE topic, but we will be asking the children to explore how and why their hands are important to complete different movements, for example rolling and pushing.</p>  <p>Children must wear their PE clothes to school every Friday.</p>
<p>Phonics</p> <p>What is phonics? Phonics is a way of teaching reading that focuses on the relationship between sounds and letters. It involves:</p> <p>Recognising letter sounds: Identifying the sounds that individual letters make.</p> <p>Blending sounds: Combining individual sounds to form words.</p> <p>Decoding words: Using knowledge of letter-sound relationships to read unfamiliar words.</p> <p>Why is phonics important? Phonics is a crucial foundation for reading and writing. It helps children:</p> <p>Read accurately: By understanding how letters represent sounds, children can decode words more effectively.</p> <p>Become fluent readers: Phonics enables children to read more smoothly and confidently.</p> <p>Read aloud daily: Reading storybooks, even repetitive ones, exposes children to sounds and words.</p> <p>Focus on letter sounds: Practice saying letter sounds and blending them together to form words.</p> <p>This term we will teach the following sounds: l ll ss j v w x y z zz qu ch sh th ng ai ee igh oa oo ar or ur</p> <p>and common exception words: go me we be he she was you they all</p> <p>Children should bring their bookbags into school every Monday so we can provide new reading books and phonic resources.</p>	<p>Welcome to Term 2</p>  <p>Key knowledge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lights are used in celebrations in autumn and winter Fireworks are used to celebrate Guy Fawkes Night Families put candles on cakes to celebrate birthdays Diwali is the Hindu festival of light They will share special food and give presents Hindus make lanterns and lamps to celebrate Diwali Diwali is full of vibrant colours Christians put fairy lights on trees to celebrate Christmas Christians place a candle in the centre of a Christingle A recipe tells us how to make a meal Mince pies are a traditional Christmas celebration food <p>Key vocabulary Fireworks Sparklers Stars Birthday Candles Diwali Harvest Lakshmi Diva lamp Fairy lights Christmas Christingle Recipe Raisins Currants Sultanas Apples Citrus Spice</p>	<p>Mathematics</p> <p><u>Mastering Numbers</u></p> <p>In the term we will explore and practise the following skills and knowledge</p> <p>Counting, ordinality and cardinality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focusing on good counting skills Focusing on the 'five-ness of 5' using one hand and the die pattern for 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Practise object counting skills Match numerals to quantities within 10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Verbal counting beyond 20 <p>Composition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exploring the concept of 'whole' and 'part' Focusing on the composition of 4, 4 and 5 <p>Comparison</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comparing sets by matching Using the language of comparison: <i>more than, fewer than, an equal number</i>  <p>Space, shape and measures - Talking about measure and patterns</p> <p>We will be developing our abilities in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comparing size, mass and capacity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exploring simple patterns Creating simple patterns
<p>Supporting Learning at home</p> <p>Phonics is a fast paced programme that requires practice and repetition for new knowledge and skills to be retained and then applied.</p> <p>It is vital that children practise their reading skills at home 5 times a week. They should do this by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Playing the 'Mix it up' game Practising their sound and word flashcards Reading their phonic book regularly to build fluency <p>5 reads at home in a week = More stars = more rewards ★</p> <p>Please ensure you check your child's Learning Journal for weekly advice. and write your comments on the parent's comments sections.</p>	<p>The World</p> <p>RE</p>  <p>The children will be exploring the big question, 'Why is Christmas special to Christians?'</p> <p>Forest School</p> <p>We will observe the changes that occur as summer becomes autumn. Children will have the opportunity to join in with colour hunts, making twig skeletons and winter homes for wildlife.</p> <p>Forest School in on Tuesdays. However, it is helpful if children have their wellingtons kept in school throughout the week as sessions may change at short notice due to weather.</p>	<p>The World</p> <p>ICT – Winter warmers</p> <p>In our first topic we will be using autumnal themes to introduce the following ICT skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creating Pattern Logic Algorithms De-composition  <p>Children will learn about these skills in a variety of fun and practical lessons including making igloos and scarves for snowmen.</p> <p>Music – samba drums</p> <p>The children will continue their 10 week musical programme using samba drums.</p>