

General Information and Reminders

PE

PE will take place on Mondays. Please ensure that your child has the correct PE uniform in school every day.

blue shorts/tracksuit trousers

a grey t shirt

plimsolls or a change of trainers for outside

Please ensure all clothes and plimsolls are clearly labelled with your child's name.

PE in Reception is taught by Mr Spadaccini.



Trips

Our Heath trips:

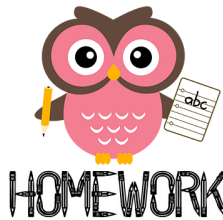
Wednesday 8th May, 22nd May, 12th June, 3rd July and Friday 12th July.

Our Heath outside learning will be on a Wednesday afternoon. If you are available to help on any of these outings, I would be grateful if you could sign up on the sheets outside the Reception classroom. Some will be with our Year 6 partners.

Homework:

Homework will be sent home on Thursdays and is due back the following Tuesday. This term it will consist of a creative, literacy or maths activity, reading practice and four high frequency words to learn to recognise by sight.

The reading diaries will be used in order to carefully monitor progress in reading as well as being a useful home-school link. Each week your child will bring home one book from our phonics scheme-Little Wandle. Please keep this book in their bags for us to access throughout the week. You can also help yourself to picture books and additional decodable books from other reading schemes from our reading trolley outside the Year 2 classroom!



Class assembly

Our class assembly this term will take place on Friday 14th June at 10am. All parents and families are warmly welcome.



Reminders

- Please ensure all school clothes are named to prevent items getting lost.
- If your child is absent from school, please phone the school office on the first day of absence and write a note on his/her return.
- Your child has been given a Christ Church water bottle. Please make sure your child's water bottle is in school every day.
- **Please do not send sweets or any food/non-food items into school to celebrate birthdays, we are unable to hand these out to the other children in the class. Thank you.**



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Reception

Summer Term 2024



Reception

Class Teacher: Miss Lewsey
 Support Staff: Miss Mardon, Miss Preece, Miss Miguel
 Other adults working with Reception: Miss Miller, Mr Spadaccini (PE) and Mr Oliver (Music)

Welcome to the summer term in Reception!

This letter outlines our class topics, trips and general information for this term. If you have any questions, queries or concerns over the coming term, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards, Miss Lewsey

Making a difference - Global Goals

This term, each class is planning an event, activity or campaign which 'makes a difference' to others and to the planet and is linked to the UN Global Sustainable Development Goals we learnt about in the Autumn term. We also created beautiful art work inspired by the goals, too. In Reception we learnt about **Global Goal 15 - Life on Land**, which aims to protect all plant and animal life on land. In Reception, we will promote this goal by writing and sending letters to an environmental charity.



Literacy



The children will be encouraged to write down the sounds they can hear in words and experiment freely with their own writing, through role-play, free play and other activities. This is intended to help the children gain confidence so that they see themselves as writers. Our topics this term are based on 'Explorers'. We will be writing fact books about sea creatures, planets, superheroes and writing our own stories for the Christ Church writing competition.

Reading



The children will be encouraged to read from the environment around them; reading signs, posters and captions, alongside enjoying lots of new stories from our literacy topics, to cultivate and reinforce a love for reading. We will be learning about non-fiction books and how we can use books to learn facts. Children will continue to read in groups a few times a week linked to our ongoing phonics sessions.

Communication and Language



This term we will be working on responding within a two-way conversation using full sentences and encouraging the children to use new vocabulary in the correct context. We will continue to work on the use of tenses alongside encouraging the use of language to make-up stories and communicate with peers during their play.

RE



The children will be learning why Jesus is important to Christians. We will be discussing how Jesus rescued people, leading on from the Easter story to discuss what a saviour is with a strong focus on right and wrong and how people react to different events. We will continue to learn about festivals from other faiths including Wesak the Buddhist festival and Eid al-fitr that is celebrated by Muslims.

Numeracy



This term we will be building on children's previous achievements. We will be consolidating their knowledge of numbers to 10 and extending the children's counting, reading and writing of numbers beyond 10. We will be extending the children's counting skills by learning further about addition and subtraction. We will focus on some new topics such as counting in 2's, alongside exploring doubling, halving and symmetry. Children will continue to develop their mathematical skills through games, singing and structured play.

Understanding of the World



Children will be given opportunities to compare and contrast different animals, life cycles, places and objects, to look closely at similarities, differences, patterns and change. They will be encouraged to ask questions about why things happen and how they work. Our main topic is 'We are explorers' and throughout the term we will learn about explorers like Amelia Earhart and Sir Francis Drake.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development



Our PSHE week takes place during the week commencing Monday 20th May and will focus on the wider community and good citizenship. In Reception we will be learning about our local community and how we can support others. We will be joining in with whole school projects such as learning about local charities and the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

Physical Development



The children will be encouraged to develop their gross and fine motor skills and to move confidently and safely in a range of ways. We will practise using equipment effectively including pencils and scissors. This term we will be focusing on negotiating space safely, balance and ways to keep our bodies and minds healthy. We will continue to use the bikes and scooters to support our learning as well as taking part in regular trips to the Heath.

Expressive Arts and Design



The children will develop their creative skills through art, music, role-play, drama and dance. In art, they will be encouraged to experiment and practise a range of skills including drawing, painting and printing. We will be observing, comparing and creating our own art inspired by Monet this term. In music we will cover a unit of work called 'Shake My Sillies Out.' The children will learn catchy, alliterative 'wake up, shake up' songs with actions, perfect for exploring pulse work. The children will explore tempo, timbre, and playing with sounds. They will then go on to create a sound story with classroom percussion.

Please see the reverse for general reminders and some key dates!