

Reception Newsletter

Spring Term 1



Dear Parents / Carers:

Welcome back and from everybody in the Reception team we wish you a Happy New Year. We hope you have had an enjoyable break and we welcome you back to a busy term ahead.

Our theme for this term is 'Imagination and Make Believe' and to celebrate this we will have our inspiration day based on fantasy and fairy tale characters on Friday 6th January 2017.

As the weather gets colder, please ensure your child comes to school with suitable clothing including a warm coat and appropriate footwear.

Home Learning:

Reading: The children will have the opportunity to take home a story book which they can change each day. Please spend a few moments to share the story with your child. Each week the children will continue to bring home a library book. This needs to be returned each week so that the children can bring home a new book. Please support your child to access Bug Club to give them the opportunity to access stories online.

Half Termly Challenge: This half term the children are being asked to create their own fantasy/ make believe creature. This can be in the form of a drawing, painting, 3D model or any other medium you wish to use. The children will have the opportunity to share their piece of work in an exhibition at the end of this half term.

The Reception Team

Estonia:

Miss Kirsty Tucker
Mrs Renitha Ramdass

France:

Mrs Ruta Plauskaite
Mrs Sandhya Regmi

Germany:

Miss Kirsty Ferguson
Ms Yasmin Begum

Hungary:

Mr Sharaz Khan
Mrs Sadia Shah

PPA Teachers:

Ms Manisha Mistry
Ms Isabella Skuse

HLTA:

Ms Sharon Cook

Year Group Leader:

Miss Kirsty Tucker

Lead Learner:

Ms Barbara Willson

Deputy Headteacher:

Mrs Marie Hardie

If you have any questions or concerns, please approach your child's class teacher.

Dates for this terms educational visits

As part of our topic 'Imagination and Make Believe' Reception will be visiting Discover Children's Story Centre in Stratford to participate in a story session based on The Fantastic World of Dr. Seuss. They will have the opportunity to explore language and literature in fun, creative sessions facilitated by specialist Story Builders.

The trips will take place on the following days:

France Class: Monday 23rd January 2017

Hungary Class: Wednesday 25th January 2017

Estonia Class: Thursday 26th January 2017

Germany Class: Monday 30th January 2017

Further details will follow in a letter. Please speak to your class teacher if you would be available to accompany your child's class on this educational visit.



PE Days

Reception have PE every Tuesday.

Please ensure that your child has their PE kit, including a change of shoes.

Remember to label all pieces of clothing with your child's name and class.

Please ensure that your child comes to school in their school uniform on PE days and that they bring their PE kit in a bag. The children need to practise getting themselves dressed and undressed independently.



Curriculum

This term's topics: This half term the children will be learning about 'Imagination and Make Believe'.

Literacy - Learning about storytelling and imagination. We will be looking at characters from different stories. We are continuing to build our knowledge of phonics. Using our sounds and blending these sounds to read words.

Maths – Addition, Subtraction, Number Problems, Doubling and Halving

C&L - Developing our speaking and listening skills and we will be encouraging the children to develop their questioning skills.

PSED - The children will be thinking about the way certain characters have acted and if their behaviour should be allowed and think about how they act with their friends.

PD - We will be continuing to developing our gross motor skills and learning to write letters correctly and independently. We will be focusing on developing gross motor skills through PE and discussing what contributes to a healthy diet.

EAD - The children will be using role play to act out different scenarios from familiar stories. They will be creating masks and puppets to use as props when retelling a story.

UW - We will be talking about past and present events in the children's own lives and in the lives of their family members.