

Curriculum Information for Parents

Year R – Spring Term 1 2024

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This half term we will be learning how to be a good friend, playing games, practising turn taking and taking steps to resolve conflicts whilst also considering the feelings of others. We will also be talking about our own needs and learning about how to keep our body healthy, including healthy food choices.

Physical Development

We will be developing our fine motor skills by using play dough and other tools to strengthen the muscles in our hands. As our muscles get stronger, we will be practising our pencil grip too. In PE, we will also be developing our ball skills whilst considering how to throw and catch safely using hand eye co-ordination and spatial awareness.

Communication and Language

We will be continuing to expand our vocabulary through drawing club and through interactions in provision. Social phrases will continue to be shared and explicitly modelled for children to use. This allows them to begin to navigate conflicts, problem solve and offer solutions when these problems arise.

Literacy

In Drawing Club, we will be exploring a range of texts including traditional tales and non-fiction. Our non-fiction books will explore different countries, settings and transport. While our traditional tales will explore recognising right from wrong. Whilst writing, we will be taking care to form our letters correctly whilst beginning to write 3-word phrases.

Our world!

Other Information

- ❖ We hope you have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
- ❖ Our new learning vehicle is 'Our World!' We will launch this on Monday 8th January! Please can the children come to school dressed up as something connected to the world or transport e.g. clothes with flags, a pilot/train driver, a ships captain etc.
- ❖ Our PE day continues to be Thursday.
- ❖ Home learning - The time has come for Year R to join the rest of the school to take part in home learning, please ask if you have any questions.

Suggestions to help your child at home...

- ❖ Recognising numerals and placing them in the correct order, exploring 1 more and 1 less.
- ❖ Practise recognising and forming sounds correctly and blending them together to make words.
- ❖ Can your child practise using a range of tools at home? E.g. knives and forks to cut up their own dinner, mixing cold ingredients, using scissors etc.
- ❖ Keep reading those library and phonics books together and continue to record them on reading trees. We have already given out so many reading certificates this academic year! Well done Year R, keep it up!
 - 50 reads: certificate
 - 100 reads: badge

Maths

Our daily maths sessions and mental maths this half term will include....

- What is 0?
- Find, subitise and represent 0-8.
- Composition of number up to 8
- Finding one more and one less
- Mass, balance and capacity
- Doubles and pairs
- Odds and evens
- Combining 2 groups

Understanding of the World

We will be learning about countries around the world including location, landmarks, maps, flags and food. As part of this, we will also be learning about transport and how we travel between places. We will explore floating and sinking when we examine boats as a form of transport too.

When the weather begins to change, we will be learning about the weather and how ice and frost is formed.

Expressive Arts and Design

This half term, we will explore art and musical instruments from around the world. We will enjoy listening to a range of music and use these instruments to create sound effects and songs for well known stories. After examining landmarks, we will have an opportunity to create our very own replicas and 3D sculptures using junk modelling.