



Curriculum Information - Reception

Spring Term 23rd February – 27th March

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our PE and forest school day will be on Friday. Library and book change day is on Friday.

Communication and Language	<p>We will be practising speaking quietly when talking to a friend and speaking loudly when talking to the whole class.</p> <p>We will be learning lots of new and interesting vocabulary related to the stories we will discuss. We will be retelling stories, focussing on characters and settings.</p>
Physical Development	<p>Working on fine and gross motor skills through play and guided activities is an ongoing task in Reception. Correct pencil grip and cutting skills are our priorities, which we will be supporting through planned activities guided by an adult and available in the classroom for children to access during free play.</p> <p>In our Friday PE lessons, we will be learning the basics of Dance.</p>
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	<p>With our RSE scheme, we will be learning about role models and friendship. We will be encouraging children to play with new play partners and to access areas of provision they are a bit more reluctant to play. We will be stressing the importance of persevering and working to the best of one's ability and rewarding children's efforts if they strive to complete their tasks as best as they can.</p>
Literacy	<p>In phonics, we have now introduced all Phase 2 and Phase 3 sounds. We will be focussing on longer words and words with two or more diagraphs. We will be consolidating our tricky words in order to be able to read them all and spell some.</p> <p>When writing sentences, we will be paying extra attention to capital letters, spaces between words and full stops. We will carry on working on correct letter formation for all lower case letters.</p>
Mathematics	<p>In Mathematics, we will carry on subitising and counting daily, thinking about the composition of numbers to 10 closely. We will be exploring numbers to 30, thinking of how many tens and ones each of them has. We will be trying to identify a missing number on a number track and think of a number that is one more and one less than a given number.</p>

	<p>We will also be learning about doubling numbers to 10 (or 20).</p> <p>We will be learning to use prepositions correctly.</p>
RE	<p>In RE, the topic will be LENT/EASTER. We will wonder about how and why things grow and think about how we can grow 'inside' by trying to be kinder. We will formulate our Lenten promises and we will try to follow them. Father Norbert will visit us to celebrate the Stations of the Cross.</p>
Understanding of the world	<p>We will be looking at changes in plants and capturing them through botanical paintings and drawings while employing our observational skills. We will also go on a nature walk to try and spot some signs of spring. We will be learning about celebrations and creating books about our celebrations.</p>
Expressive Arts and Design	<p>Our art projects will be related to Spring and Easter. We will also be learning some basic principles of painting, for instance about primary and secondary colours and how to mix colours. We will be expanding our knowledge of joining techniques and applying them when working with recycled materials.</p>
Home Learning	<p>The children are expected to read daily. It is really important that your child reads the Big Cat books to you independently or with minimal support at least once or twice every week. Please, use guidance at the back of the book to support them with reading with expression and ask them some comprehension questions to check whether they understand the text.</p> <p>We will carry on visiting our school library and children will have an opportunity to choose a new book each week, as long as they return the book on loan from the previous week by Thursday morning. Please, fill in the electronic reading record on Boom Reader regularly.</p> <p>Please, keep all books in children's book bags daily.</p> <p>Homework will be set on Google Classroom every Friday.</p>

Please, continue to check the school newsletter, school website and Facebook page for important dates and information.

Please ensure your child has their reading and library books in their book bag every day.

Finally, please make sure that EVERYTHING has your child's name on.

Should you have any questions or anything you wish to discuss please email reception@holyfamily.herts.sch.uk or phone the school to make a telephone appointment.

Any urgent matters – medical appointments, absences, illness, etc. should be reported to the school office as the Reception email box is never accessed during teaching time.

Thank you for your continued support.

Ms Kieś and Mrs Lawrence