



Reception Newsletter

March 2023

This term we will be thinking about growth and changes over time. We will be growing seeds and learning to care for living things. We will be using gardening tools and equipment. We will be doing yoga alongside Rachel's Day in the Garden, available on you tube <https://youtu.be/OP35IIWpm4w>. We will continue to do daily phonics using Read Write Inc and maths using the NCETM framework for reception. The children will be consolidating number bonds to 10 and using the language of more than and fewer than. We will continue to do lots of counting and explore the number system looking for patterns within it. It would really help if you did this at home too please.

Physical Development

The children take part in a daily run first thing in the morning. They also do P.E. with Miss Heywood on a Tuesday, balance bikes with Mrs Fisher and Forest Schools sessions.

This term we are hoping to improve our outdoor area and create an area that promotes gross motor skills. The children will have an area dedicated to balancing, climbing, hopping, skipping and jumping.

Physical activity is included in the everyday curriculum in Early Years and the children are encouraged to be as active as possible.

Now the weather has improved we will try and do as much learning as we can outside in the fresh air. Research strengthens our belief that being outdoors is good for children's and adult's mental health.

Healthy Snack

Please can we remind everyone that snacks for Snack and Chat should be healthy. Please no crisps or chocolate bars. The school provides fruit every day. Thank you.

Independent Writing

As we move closer to Year 1 we are striving to get the children to have a go at writing independently. The words will be written in a way that is phonetically plausible, this is what we would expect at this stage and we would not correct them. For example cake may be written as kak, this is a natural stage of development, it is fine.

Tricky Words

We will also be introducing some tricky words that have to be learnt by sight. These will include I, the, no, you, go. We call these red words as they cannot be sounded out.

Capital Letters

Children in reception are now expected to enter Year 1 knowing capital letters as well as lower case letters. They may use these terms at home. Any time spent on this at home would be very valuable in your child's readiness for Year 1.

Thank you.

