



Reception Newsletter– Lent 2



Welcome Back!

We hope you have all had a restful and enjoyable break. The children have returned to school all refreshed, excited and eager to learn.

We have a busy half term ahead of us with lots of wonderful learning opportunities along the way.

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Our wonder question and line of enquiry for this half term will be:

I wonder what superpower you have?

We will be exploring the themes:-

- *Fictional superheroes
- *People who help us- heroes in the community
- * Heroes from the past



RE

Our main topic for this half term will be 'Growing'.

We will be focusing on the season of Spring and how this is a time for when things begin to grow and for new life. We will also learn about Lent: a time to grow in love to be more like Jesus, and to look forward to Easter and the resurrection of Jesus. In addition to this, we will also talk about ways in which we can give, love and care more about others in need.

Maths

The children have thoroughly enjoyed the Maths concepts we have covered so far, and it has been wonderful to see them apply their skills and knowledge in their play. This half term will be focusing on:

- *Composition and representation of 8/9/10
- *Number bonds to 10, using objects
- *Using objects to make pairs (linked to odd and even)
- *Combining 2 groups to find how many there are altogether
- *Comparing numbers within 10
- *Counting forwards and backwards
- *Length and height

Literacy

Our daily Phonics session is one of our favourite part of the day. The children are becoming more confident in recognising and using the sounds taught so far. We will continue to practise all the sounds that we have already sent home in reading folders and encourage them look for these when reading, and use these more independently when writing new words. This half term, we will be focusing on developing fluency when reading. We will encourage the children to read more of the common VC/CVC words by sight (e.g. in, it, and, got) and also look for repeated words and phrases in their books. In Phonics, we will be introducing the children to longer CCVCC / CVCCC words (e.g. drink, strap). Then, we will be introducing words where two letters make one sound (e.g. wh, qu, sh, ch, th).

The children love using the class voting stations to choose their favourite book for story time. This half term, the children will also be using the station to vote for their favourite poems and rhymes.

We are looking forward to sharing a range of non-fiction books about real-life heroes in the community. Our key texts this half term will also focus on heroes from the past and how they have shaped our world today.



The children are working so hard in our morning handwriting sessions, where we have seen huge improvements in letter size and orientation. Thank you for supporting your child at home with this. They are making great progress!

We are looking forward to having a go at other forms of writing this half term such as writing speech bubbles, recounts, cards and posters. Our focus will also be on developing independence when writing, using finger spaces and capital letters for names and the beginning of sentences. Please continue to encourage your child to write for different purposes using the sounds that they have learnt in Phonics and practise their letter formation.

Expressive Arts and Design

This half term, we will be exploring and using a variety of materials and techniques to make and improve our own creations such as a superhero vehicle and artwork based on the World Book Week text, 'Dear Earth'.

We are also looking forward to learning new action songs and using a variety of percussion instruments to follow and compose our own music in solo and in groups.



Physical Development

In gymnastics, we will continue to focus on developing our overall body strength, co-ordination, balance and agility. We will then be starting our dance lessons, where we will be exploring movements in time to music, following different themes such as under the sea. We will also continue to use the outdoor area to practise our ball skills and to work as a team. We will develop our fine motor skills through using scissors to cut around curved lines and large shapes, threading small beads and pegs and focusing on letter formation.

Dates for your diary

- 2nd March – World Book Day: dress as a book character or wear your PJs!
- 17th March- Mother's Day Liturgy
- RAW 10am, RKD 2pm (more details to follow)



Understanding of the World

We are looking forward to discussing different occupations, people around us and their roles in society. We will also compare and contrast heroes from the past and present using books and our own experiences. To coincide with our RE topic, we will be planting new seeds and bulbs in the school garden and learn about how to care for the natural world around us. This will continue after Easter with some fluffy visitors!

Communication and Language

This half term, we are learning to be confident communicators by thinking of relevant questions to ask our peers, adults and visitors to gain further information. We will also remember key points from a story told and look forward to learning new songs, rhymes and poems. We will focus on using talk in many different ways, not only in imaginative play, but also to organise and clarify thinking, express ideas and feelings, and also when expressing a point of view. We are super excited to learn and use new vocabulary through our play, books and class discussions. In addition to this, we will work on developing our confidence when standing up in front of the class to be 'loud and proud' when talking about our achievements and learning.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development



We will focus on how to look after our body and mind through healthy eating, sleep and the importance of exercise. Through play and circle time sessions, we will talk about what makes a good friend, how our actions and words can affect others and will learn how to take steps to resolve conflicts with others.

Reminders

*Please ensure to sign/comment in the diary when you have heard your child read or have shared a book together. We love reading all the comments about how your child is doing with their reading at home.

*Please continue to share home learning in the red book and special achievements on the 'WOW' slips provided, and send them back into school via your child's reading folder. Your child will then have the opportunity to share their own 'Wow' moments with the class.

We would love to see the wonderful writing you do at home, as well as in class. Please bring these into school where your child will have the opportunity to sit in the 'Author's chair' and share their writing with the rest of the class.

