

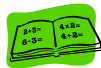








# Reception Newsletter – Spring 1 2022

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope that you had had a good rest over the holiday. We have so many exciting things planned for your child for this half term!

**Our topic, this half term is: Our World**

<p><b>Literacy</b></p> 	<p>In phonics, we are continuing to learn new sounds. We will use these new sounds to build and read words and sentences. We will also be learning to read more high frequency words. High frequency words are useful to recognise and know straight away.</p> <p>In English, we will be focusing on poetry and non-fiction writing. We want to continue to apply our knowledge of forming letters correctly when writing. We will be using every opportunity we can to practice our writing, whether we are on the writing table, the art table or even in the construction area!</p>
<p><b>Reading for Pleasure</b></p> 	<p>We love to read in Reception. We use our book corner to relax and enjoy looking at a range of books. We also like to make up our own stories using a story mountain and we are becoming very confident at this!</p> <p>Our author focus, for the Spring Term, is Jan Fearnley. This term, we will get to know more about her and begin to read some of her award-winning books such as Mr Wolf's pancakes, Mr Wolf and the Three Pigs and Little Robin Red Vest.</p>
<p><b>Maths</b></p> 	<p>For this half term, we will be focusing on numbers up to 10. We are continuing to explore and compare each number carefully. By the end of this term, we will have a good understanding of how each number is made up and the different ways to represent each number. This unit will start to develop our understanding of what happens to the value to numbers as we count forwards or backwards, and how to find one more and one less.</p> <p>We will also start to explore time.</p>
<p><b>RE</b></p> 	<p>In RE, we will be looking at the Christian story of creation. We will share stories about creation from other religions and cultures too. Our Special focus will be on the Garden of Eden, looking at all creatures great and small.</p>
<p><b>music</b></p> 	<p>In Music, the unit is called "Everyone". We will continue to sing a range of nursery rhymes and action songs. We continue to have the opportunity to listen to different styles of music, which tell stories. We are focusing on rhythm this half term and look forward to exploring this dimension of music.</p>
<p><b>PE</b></p> 	<p>In PE, with Mr Browne, we will be doing dance. We will be learning and sequencing basic movements. <b>PE is on a Wednesday morning.</b> We are getting much better at getting changed independently and putting our clothes back into our trays. Please mark all P.E kit with our names, and return anything that does not belong to us!</p>
<p><b>Communication and language. Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED)</b></p> 	<p>This half term, we are continuing to focus on speaking in full sentences and vocabulary. We are also focusing on how to be a good listener and a good speaker. This will take a lot of practise during our 'think, pair, share' time. We will also keep on developing our social skills of sharing and working together, and building our confidence and resilience when we are doing something new or challenging.</p>
<p><b>Expressive Arts and Design (EAD)</b></p> 	<p>This half term, we will be exploring colours. We will be investigating how mix colours and make new ones! During art week we will learn about an artist called Jackson Pollock and his unique painting tools and techniques.</p>
<p><b>Understanding the World.</b></p> 	<p>Our theme, this half term, is Our Community. We will be exploring the natural world through looking at 'Creatures Great and Small'</p> <p>As the weather continues to change, we will still be taking opportunities to go outside to learn. We cannot wait to wear our school wellingtons and rain suits!</p>

## Attendance

In order for your child to get the best out of school and maximise their learning, please make sure your child is **on time for school and comes to school every day**. School starts at **8.45am**. Thank you.

**We look forward to working with you this half term!**  
**from Mrs Taylor and Mrs Sohal**