

Reception Newsletter Spring 2024

This term we will be learning about Space & lots of 'Elmer the Elephant' adventures. We will be talking about different celebrations and will be having our own Chinese New Year Celebration. We will be focusing on the following objectives:

Communication, Language and Literacy

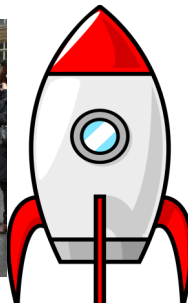
- Developing our 'talking partner' skills.
- Give reasons for our likes and dislikes about different stories.
- Practise forming our letters correctly.
- Write sentences by sounding out words.
- Spell Phase 3 words.
- Read longer sentences containing some two syllable words.

Understanding the World

- Explore the world around them.
- Talk about the features of their environment & other environments such as space.
- Talk about famous figures e.g. Neil Armstrong.
- Talk about things that have happened in the past e.g. when man landed on the moon for the first time.

RE

We will be exploring different stories from the Bible as well as understanding what celebrations are. We will be acting out some of our favourite experiences and explaining our reasons for our choices.



PE

This term the children will be exploring the large apparatus & will be participating in circuits to build up their body strength, balance and agility.

Mathematics

- Count objects, actions and sounds.
- Subitise (recognising amounts without counting them) e.g. numbers on a dice.
- Link the numeral with the number of objects counted.
- Count beyond ten.
- Compare numbers.
- Understand the 'one more than/one less than' relationship between consecutive numbers.
- Explore the composition of numbers to 10.
- Compare length, weight and capacity.
- Select, rotate & manipulate shapes to develop spatial reasoning skills.
- Continue, copy and create repeating patterns.

Expressive Art & Design

- Explore art and design using a range of materials to create 2D and 3D images/constructions.
- Use junk modelling to make our own creations and incorporate them in our role play activities.
- Make up dances.
- Move to and talk about music.
- Develop storylines in our pretend play.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

- Build constructive and respectful relationships.
- Express their feelings and consider the feelings of others.
- Show resilience and perseverance in the face of challenge.

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had a fabulous Christmas and that 2024 will be a great year for everyone. The children have settled really well into the new term and we are planning lots of exciting and interesting activities for the Spring Term. We have already started our topic on 'Space' & before half term we will participate in activities based on the stories of 'Elmer the Elephant'.

We will be celebrating **Chinese New Year on Monday 12th February** so please could your child come to school dressed in something red or yellow.

Reading - Please can you listen to your child read regularly. Little and often is the key. They need to reread their reading books to develop fluency and to keep practising those important phonic skills. Please write a comment in their record book to let us know how they are getting on at home. Can you help them to learn the words on their word sheets and the Phase 3 phonemes that we are focusing on.

Please ensure your child is sent to school with clothing that is appropriate for the weather. We need to wrap up warm with hats and gloves on as we are outside in all weathers.

Many thanks for your continued support,
Mrs Marley, Mrs Gregson, Miss Green and Mrs Olsen.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 31st January 8:45-9:45am or Wednesday 31st January 2:15-3:15pm A survey will be sent to find out which time, if any, you are able to attend.	Parent Phase 3 and 4 Phonic Presentation & Workshop. Parents will learn about the phonics skills the children are learning and then will come and work in the classroom with their child.
Monday 12th February	Dress in non-uniform to celebrate Chinese New Year. Children to wear clothes that have the colours red and yellow on if possible. Please do not buy anything new.
Thursday 15th February	School Valentine Disco
19th-23rd Feb	School closed for half term
Friday 22nd March	Reception Palm Sunday Assembly 9am Parents invited to watch.
Mon 25th March	Reception parents invited to make Easter crafts with their child 8:45-9:30am
Wed 27th March	Dress in non-uniform to celebrate Easter. Children to wear something with yellow or white on if possible. Please do not buy anything new.
Thurs 28th March	Finish for Easter holidays