

Reception Newsletter Spring 2023

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

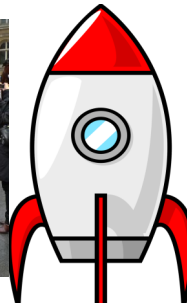
- Developing our 'talking partner' skills.
- Give reasons for our likes and dislikes about different stories.
- Practise forming our letters correctly.
- Write sentences by sounding out words.
- Spell Phase 3 words.
- Read longer sentences containing some two syllable words.

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. They will be participating in balance bike lessons.

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 2023 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 Wednesday 25th January** 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, Miss Martin, Mrs Slater, Ms Broxup, Mrs Ruddick, Mrs Olsen and Mrs Vincent.

Diary Dates

Wed 25th Jan	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.
Mon 13, Tues 14th, Wed 15th & Thurs 16th February	Reception Balance Bike Lessons delivered by Newcastle council. Children come to school in their PE kits. They will use the council's balance bikes and helmets.
Thursday 9th Feb 9:00-10:00am or Friday 10th Feb 2:00-3:00pm A survey will be sent to find out which date, 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.
20th-24th Feb	School closed for half term
Wed 29th 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.
Fri 31st March	Finish for Easter holidays