



# Reception Class

Welcome back! We hope you all had a great break with your family and friends. After a very successful first term (and a great Nativity!), we know that this term will be even better!

## Topic

In Reception, we follow the children's interests so although our broad topic for Spring term is Journeys, this will look very different for each unique child. We will be looking at journeys each of us have made (whether that be a journey to school or a journey for a holiday), as well as journeys that characters make in books. We will look at some different countries and different methods of travel as well as creating our own basic maps.

## Literacy



We will continue to read with your child twice a week and change their books weekly. We will also check your child's progress with their tricky words weekly and add to their wallet as new tricky words are taught. Please note, tricky words are not introduced every week in accordance with our phonics programme. Please continue to support your child to practise their literacy skills by reading regularly at home and practising reading and and spelling the tricky words in their tricky word wallet.



**Please send bookbags (with reading diary, reading books and tricky word wallet) to school EVERY day.**

We will continue to introduce the children to a wide range of vocabulary and stories, including traditional tales, modern classics and animations through the magic of Drawing Club. Some of our writing will be based around books we have read in class.

We will also continue learning some poems through the amazing Poetry Basket. Please ask your child to tell you some of the poems they have already learnt.

## Maths

We will continue to have daily maths sessions in class and will of course be exploring all the maths opportunities in the children's play too. This term, our learning will be centred around addition and subtraction, really focusing on using mathematical language such as; more, less, fewer, add, take-away, total, equals, is the same as, partition, 'part-whole' etc. We will be embedding secure knowledge of all number facts to five and exploring the composition of numbers within 10. Also, we will be naming 2d and 3d shapes and looking at their properties. We will also be learning the months of the year.



## PSHE

In our PSHE lessons, we will be looking at 'Keeping Safe' before half term. This will include topics such as safe medicines, road safety, keeping safe online and safe people we can talk to if we need help. After half term our focus will be 'Rights and Respect'. This will include lessons around respecting people, respecting the environment and ways we can be helpful around school and at home.



## Gross motor skills



As well as continuous access to our outside area to develop our gross motor skills, we also have PE on Mondays and most Fridays.

This term in PE, we will be playing lots of team games and practising our balancing and ball skills. We will work on improving our fitness and stamina too. Excellent opportunities to show resilience!

Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school and it is all fully labelled. It is important that the children are able to change their clothes independently and look after their belongings. Please encourage this at home.

## Clothing

Children in EYFS have access to the outside area every day, in all weathers. Please ensure that they come to school with coats, hats, scarves, gloves, etc. as the weather gets colder. Please check school shoes still fit! If you need to get new school shoes, please also remember plimsolls and wellies that are in school! Please take the time to check ALL clothing is labelled – some labels will have faded or fallen off!



**Please do come and talk to us if you have any questions!  
We look forward to another very successful term with your wonderful children.  
Miss Machin and the Reception class team.**