

Reception News

Well, here we are at the end of another busy term. The children continue to amaze us with the progress that they are making. We've seen them becoming so much more independent and resilient in their learning over the last term. They're doing really well with reading, writing and maths and are getting more curious and analytical about our topics. We've really enjoyed learning about growing and have some seeds on the go which we are eager to plant outside when the weather warms up a little more.

Next half term, our topic is 'Animal Safari' where we will be learning about animals from all around the world.

This week we are learning:

Phonics – we are learning the last two digraphs that we teach in Reception. They are 'ure' (in words such as pure and cure and 'er' (in words such as singer and longer). We will also be practicing the tricky words 'all', 'was', 'give' & 'live'.

Literacy – we will be reading 'The Easter Story', writing our Easter cards and will be doing lots of Easter themed reading and writing activities.

Maths – we will be focusing on number 15. We will start the week by watching Numberblocks 'Super Special Secret Step Squad'. We will then make superhero masks and will go on the hunt around the classrooms for 15 objects. We will also be focusing on number bonds and writing numbers.

Jigsaw – this week we will be learning about 'Stranger Danger'. We will be talking about the meaning of the word 'stranger', why we shouldn't talk to strangers and what to do if you get lost or need help when you're not with your grown ups.

Music – we will begin to 'Shake Our Sillies Out' with SingUp. We will be singing 'Jelly On a Plate' and 'Shake My Sillies Out' and will listen to Mr Wickens read (and sing) Hippobottomus by Steve Smallman & Ada Grey.

PE – this week we will be focusing on ball control. We will be using different sized balls to roll, bounce and catch.

Handwriting – our Curly Caterpillar letters this week are s & g.

Other – we have lots of Easter and Spring activities planned for this week including egg hunts, ordering carrots and making Easter and Spring pictures.

Reminders

- Lost property – this will be left out on the tables outside our classrooms. Please have a look if you're missing anything. Anything left on Friday will be donated to the PTA for their pre-loved sale.
- We will be sending PE kits home this week to be washed and returned after the Easter holidays. Please check your child's PE kit. If there is anything in their bag that doesn't belong to them, please return it to school. A few children are missing items from their bags. Could you also please check that PE kits are still named. Getting changed seemed to take a very long time yesterday as there were lots of items unnamed.
- Please can you also remember that children need a coat in school EVERY DAY. Even on warm days, the woodland and our other outside areas are shady and cooler than the playground, particularly in the mornings.
- School finishes at 1.45 on Friday and will re-open on Tuesday 14th April.