



Reception Newsletter



Week Beginning: 11/01/2021

Our termly strands are based on the Characteristics of effective learning from the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum.

This term we will be focusing on: **Active learning; being involved and concentrating**

The activities, learning journeys and experiences will be based on the interests of the children so that we can ensure learner motivation

This term your child will be....

- ❖ Exploring a variety of traditional fairy tales and fictional stories and learning to retell them.
- ❖ Engaging with traditional stories from other cultures and backgrounds.
- ❖ Extending their story vocabulary and learning new words.
- ❖ Looking at famous authors including Julia Donaldson and learning parts of stories to join in with reading.
- ❖ Speaking and listening about their own cultures and traditions. Sharing family experiences on seesaw and using 'Show and Tell'.
- ❖ Developing their segmenting skills to write and read words in a variety of focused writing and reading tasks.
- ❖ Continuing to develop their fine motor skills to form letters and numerals confidently.
- ❖ Developing knowledge of 'high frequency/ sight words' to support writing and reading tasks.
- ❖ Applying their skills in number to maths problem solving.
- ❖ Developing social skills by playing alongside others, waiting for their turn and following rules.

How can you help your child at home?

- ★ Try to reduce screen time. We're very aware that your child needs to use a screen to access their remote learning so please try to limit other screen usage and allow them to play with physical toys, let them help you cook, use playdough etc.
- ★ Set your child up with a consistent routine for remote learning and if possible try to support them to complete their daily remote learning which is set on Seesaw.
- ★ Support your child with being independent, using cutlery at meal times, changing themselves and putting on boots and shoes etc.
- ★ Remind them about handwashing and how to do this effectively (singing Happy Birthday twice is an easy way for them to time themselves).
- ★ Introduce some dice games with your children.
<https://www.funlearning.co.uk/blog/dice-games-children-make-maths-exciting/>
- ★ Support your child in their segmenting and blending skills when reading- see the phonics presentation on Seesaw and daily remote learning for more information on this.
- ★ Support your child's lowercase letter formation.
<https://www.ictgames.com/mobilePage/skyWriter/index.html>
- ★ Helping them to learn sight words.
<http://www.familylearning.org.uk/images/hfwordsrec.pdf>
- ★ Support your child with their fine motor skills- particularly holding pencils correctly to write.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UPg9qpq6Hhg&feature=emb_logo

We are aware that this term looks very different to your child's normal routine but as a team we are trying to put as much in place to support you all as possible.

Kindest regards

The Reception Team