

# Curriculum Newsletter

## Reception Term 1 2021

Welcome to Reception Class! We hope you and your children are having a positive experience of Reception so far. Make sure you log onto Dojo each week to check for updates and to see the amazing learning that the children have been doing so far! Thank you for all support so far. We are very proud of how well the children are settling in.

### Readers and Writers

This term, we are having a go at mark-making! We are using lots of different tools such as pencils, paint, chalks, sticks and sand to make our mark.

Our current topic is My Family, and the children have been creating beautiful pictures, paintings and constructions to represent their families.

Soon we will be moving onto traditional tales, such as The Three Little Pigs and Goldilocks.

We are enjoying a home time story every day, as well as having a story 1:1 with an adult 3 times a week.



### Mathematicians



In this term we will be learning about our early numbers by doing lots of counting and singing some

fantastic number songs.

We have been practising writing our numerals by drawing them in sand, paint and mud.

We have been playing games such as 'find the hidden number in the room', and 'show me 1'!

At home, see if your child can practise counting objects to 5.

Can they spot any numerals out in the world? For example; door numbers, bus numbers, numbers on signs.

# Phonics

In Phonics we have just started Phase 1. This is when we learn about the skill of listening and practise by listening to environmental sounds, body percussion, instruments and animal sounds. We have been enjoying creating our own sounds and going on listening walk around the classroom and playground.

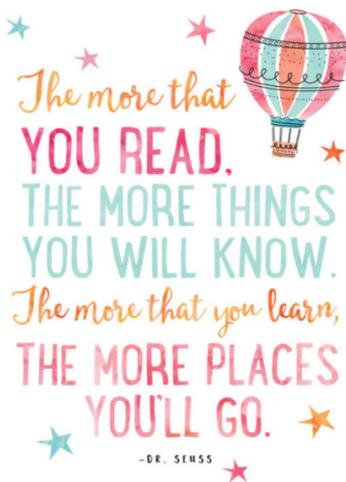


## PE

In PE this term the children will be learning about special awareness and multi-skills. We will be practising our throwing and catching, learning how to position our bodies and get our hands ready for the ball. We will be working on our gross motor skills and how to dodge around each other whilst having enough space.



Our PE club is on a Thursday afternoon with our coach. The children do not need to wear a PE kit.



The more that  
**YOU READ,**  
THE MORE THINGS  
YOU WILL KNOW.  
The more that you learn,  
**THE MORE PLACES**  
**YOU'LL GO.**

-DR. SEMS

Please listen to your child read at home 5 times per week. This is the most important thing you can do to support learning at this age. Just 10-15 minutes per day makes a big difference!

From Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September we will be sending reading books and reading records home. Our reading books will be wordless so that the children can describe to you what is happening on each page.

Your child will also be read with 3 times a week with a teacher at school.

Please take care of the books at home as we have a limited supply only. Please bring the books to school each day as the teachers will need to write inside all reading records each day too! We will collect all reading books in and swap them on **Thursdays**.

Have fun reading together!

Yours Sincerely,  
Miss Webb