

Reception Newsletter Autumn Term 2020



Communication, Language and Literacy

This term the girls will be learning to recognise and form letter sounds. They will begin to use these to write independently and explore sentence structure. As the term progresses, we will be working hard to build confidence in speaking and listening in a variety of situations. The girls will explore a range of literature that corresponds to our different topics.

Mathematics

The girls will begin to form, order and recognise numbers up to 10. They will learn to understand the value of each number and identify different visual representations. You can help your daughter at home in a number of ways, for example, counting lamp posts as you walk to the park or steps as you climb them. The girls will also begin to recognise 2D and 3D shapes. See how many shapes you can find at home or when out exploring.



PSHE

This year, the girls will be introduced to Jigsaw, the mindful approach to PSHE. Jigsaw is a progressive and spiral scheme of learning. This term our themes are 'Being in My World' and 'Celebrating Differences' (including anti-bullying).

Being in My World: the girls will talk about how they have similarities and differences from their friends and how that is OK. They will begin working on recognising and managing their feelings, identifying different ones and the causes these can have. They will talk about working with others and why it is good to be kind and use gentle hands. The girls will also discuss children's rights, especially linked to the right to learn and the right to play. They will talk about what it means to be responsible.

Celebrating Differences: the girls will be encouraged to think about things that they are good at whilst understanding that everyone is good at different things. They will talk about being different and how that makes everyone special but also recognising that we are the same in some ways. They will talk about their home and explain why it is special to them. They will talk about friendship and how to be a kind friend and how to stand up for themselves if someone says or does something unkind to them.

Understanding the World - Topic

Our topic this half term is 'Marvellous Me'. We will get to know each other and build happy friendships. The girls will discuss their friends, family and local community. In the second half term, our topic will be 'Superheroes'. We will be learning about different people who help us in the community and how they help us in our day-to-day lives. This topic will enable the girls to make connections between themselves and the outside world.



Expressive Arts and Design

Through their independent learning, the girls will enjoy working with a variety of media. They will learn how to use scissors with confidence as well as how to explore and join various materials. They will also be experimenting with mixing colours. The outdoor 'theatre' area will provide opportunities for the girls to create their own performances with storytelling, dance and music.



Computing

The children will be introduced to technology in the world around them. They will be learning the basic skills necessary to use a computer such as mouse control and logging on to the computers. The girls will also develop their iPad skills by using Seesaw.



Spanish

This term the girls will start learning Spanish twice a week. They will begin by focusing on greetings, numbers 1 to 10 and primary colours. New learning is acquired through games, challenges and songs.

Outdoor Learning

As well as the outdoor provision in Reception, the girls will be visiting the Forest School area to enhance learning experiences across the curriculum. Please ensure your daughter has a pair of wellies labelled with her name.



Drama

In Drama this term, the girls will be playing a variety of games aimed at promoting concentration and cooperation and creativity. They will also work in pairs and small groups to explore a range of stories linked to the class topic, 'Marvellous Me'.



Music

Reception's theme for music is also 'Marvellous Me'. The girls will be having fun expressing themselves through singing songs, learning and making up their own actions, and listening and moving to a wide range of music. After half term they will be working towards their Christmas performance.

PE

Reception B will have PE lessons on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Reception S will have PE lessons on Tuesdays and Fridays. On their PE days, the girls will come into school in uniform, and change into their PE kit at school. Kit bags (including a painting apron, spare socks, knickers and shorts) will remain in school.

In Physical Education, all of the girls in Reception will be completing a unit of work in multi skills circuits and physical literacy. In each lesson, they will participate in a multi skills circuit designed to develop both fine and gross motor skills. They will learn the importance of working as a team and being able to follow the instructions in a sporting environment. All of the girls will be expected to understand the importance of a structured warm up and cool down, and know how to participate safely.

If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to make contact through the School Office.

We very much look forward to working with you and your daughters this year.

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