

Curriculum Newsletter

Year R Term 1 2019/2020

Hello and welcome to Term 1! This term is all about your child settling into their new environment, making new friends and developing their independence as learners. Our learning for this term will be focussed around the key question 'Who am I?'

Key date: We invite you to our parent reading workshop on Friday 27th September from 8:45am to 9:30am

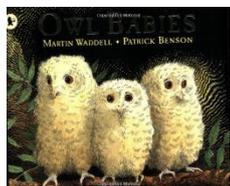
Readers and Writers

In phonics, we will begin to recognise initial sounds in words, match sounds to letters and learn how to blend sounds to read simple words.



As we learn new sounds, we will practise forming the letters correctly using a range of mark making materials. We will learn how to write the letters in our own names independently by practising every day.

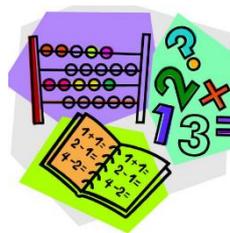
We will be improving our fine motor control with a range of activities and games designed to strengthen the muscles in our fingers and hands.



Our book of the term will be 'Owl Babies' by Martin Waddell.

Mathematicians

In Maths, we will begin to explore and compare small groups of objects, looking at similarities and differences between quantities and talking about more and less.



We will begin to develop our calculation skills by

finding different ways to make numbers up to 5. We will also learn how to represent small quantities of objects in our own ways, using pictures and symbols.

We will use 'Word Aware' to understand and practise some of the vocabulary related to shape, space and measure and we will explore shape using a variety of practical maths resources.

Scientists, Geographers and Historians



In Knowledge and Understanding of the World we will talk about ourselves, our families and where we live.

We will look at how our environment changes in Autumn and think about what this means for us and for animals and plants.

Personal, Social and Emotional

We will talk about our feelings and our likes and dislikes. We will learn how to take turns to listen and speak in small groups.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will have plenty of opportunities to play and explore in the home corner and with small world resources, acting out roles and developing stories with our friends.

Book Bags



Reading books will be given out soon after your child has started in Reception class so please make sure that they have their book bag with them every day. We will have a parent meeting on Friday 27th September from 8:45am to 9:30am to let you know how you can support your child to read at home by looking at books with them every day and giving them lots of practise and encouragement.

Tapestry



We use online Tapestry learning journals to record your child's experiences and learning in Reception. Once your child's journal has been set up you will receive a password so that you can access it at home, share it with your child and add your own comments and photos. It is a great way for you to show your child how much you value their learning and build up their confidence and self-esteem.

Yours Sincerely,
Mrs Munro