

# Curriculum Newsletter

## Reception Term 1 2023/2024

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 All About Me, and we will be spending lots of time talking about ourselves, listening to each other and learning what makes us and our friends special. We will be making beautiful pictures, paintings and constructions. 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.



### Mathematicians



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

fantastic number songs.

We will be practising writing our numerals by drawing them in sand, paint and mud.

We will be 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

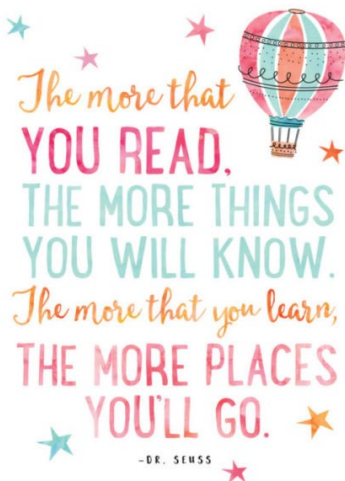
We will be beginning Phonics during our first full week. Your child will be taught a sound and a letter (grapheme) to represent it. They will practise saying, recognising and writing it. We will explore lots of objects which start with the sound. On Friday, your child will come home with their Sound Book in which you can find all the sounds we have learnt that week. Sound Books must be returned to school the following week so that we can keep adding new sounds to it. Please also see my videos posted on Class Dojo on Fridays to check how to say the sounds correctly and to learn the actions along with your child. We will also be developing our listening skills by 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 spacial 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 Tuesday afternoon with our coaches.



Soon we will be sending reading books home. Our reading books will be wordless to begin with so that the children can describe to you what is happening on each page. Your child will also read with myself multiple times a week at school. The book sent home will be a copy of the book they have read with me at school, so they should already be confident and have an understanding of what it is about.

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!

Please return book copies the following week. We will collect all reading books in and swap them on **Fridays**. Have fun reading together!

Yours Sincerely,  
Miss Webb