

Curriculum Newsletter

Reception Term 1 2026/27



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.

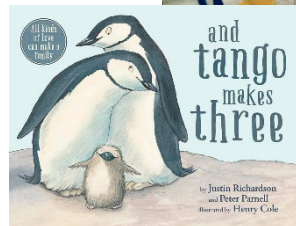
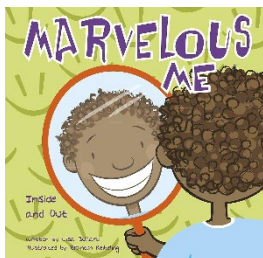
Readers and Writers

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

We are learning all about ourselves and each other, and we will be spending lots of time talking, 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. Each term will be using books to help us with our learning.

In Term 1 our books will be:



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

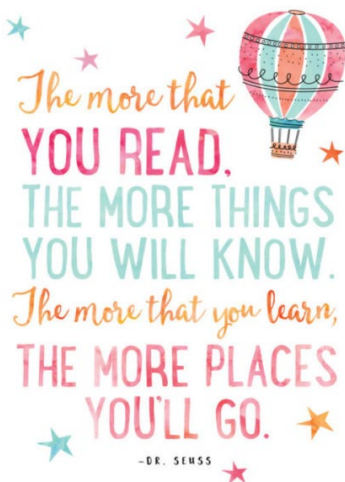
We will be beginning Phonics during our first full week. Your child will be taught a sound and a letter (grapheme) to represent it. They will practise saying, recognising and writing it. We will explore lots of objects which start with the sound. Please also see my videos posted on Class Dojo on Fridays 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 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. When we are ready, will also be having sessions with Bristol City Robins where we will be perfecting those skills.



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!

New books will come out on Fridays.
Have fun reading together!

Yours Sincerely,
Miss Cox
Teacher