

Curriculum Newsletter

Reception Term 5 – 2024/2025

Be sure to log into Dojo weekly to stay up to date and catch a glimpse of the fantastic learning the children have been involved in so far!

Readers and Writers

This term, we'll continue practising our new sounds and work on reading longer words within sentences. We're practising our reading every day, and many of us are becoming fluent – this means we don't always need to sound out every letter to read a word. However, it's still helpful to use our blending finger when needed!

We'll also be doing some exciting writing about our plants. We'll be planting and writing sentences about how our plants are growing taller, and we'll create signs and labels for our seedlings.

Additionally, we've been exploring new stories like *Handa's Surprise* and *Jasper's Beanstalk*. Ask your child at home if they can share what they've learned about these stories once we've finished!

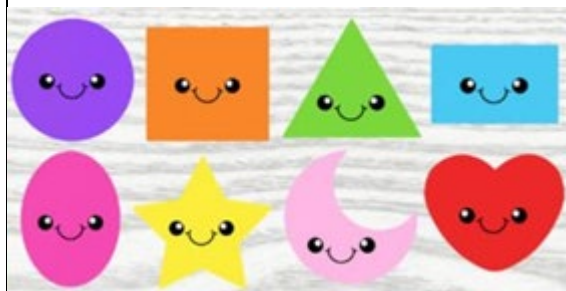


Mathematicians

This term, we will be focusing on bigger numbers like 7, 8, 9, and 10. We'll also be revisiting doubles—understanding what they are, how to recognise them, and practising doubling small numbers on our own!

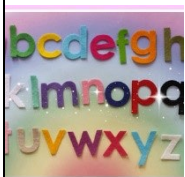
Every Friday, we explore shapes and patterns. So far, we've learned about circles, triangles, squares, and rectangles. Next term, we'll dive into 3D shapes too.

Ask your child at home if they can spot any shapes around! The children have been having fun going on “shape hunts” in both the classroom and the garden.



Phonics

This term, we've started working on Phase 4 phonics. Since there are no new sounds to learn, you won't find new sounds in the Sound Books. Phase 4 focuses on using the sounds we've already learned to read sentences and write longer words and simple sentences. Please encourage your child to practise writing at home!



Please keep listening to your child read at home. Each week, they will bring home a new phonetically decodable book, which they will have practised reading before taking it home. It's important that your child reads regularly, both at school and at home. They're making fantastic progress, and we're really proud of their efforts!

PE

In PE this term, the children will continue working on spatial awareness, throwing and catching, and building their upper body strength.

On Thursdays, the children will start their Athletes sessions with the PE staff. Please make sure that your children bring appropriate clothing with them on the day such as: shorts, tshirt and trainers.

On Tuesdays, we will continue playing fun games using our parachute.



Please aim to listen to your child read at home five times a week. This is one of the best ways to support their learning right now. Just 10-15 minutes a day can make a big difference!

I'll also be reading with your child multiple times a week at school.

Have fun reading together!

Many Thanks,

Miss Swierzevska