

Reception Newsletter

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Curriculum information

Our topic in term 4 is 'Fur, Feathers and Scales.'



As the introduction to our topic this term, the children had a visit from 'Creepy Claws' on Thursday 27th February. The children had the chance to meet all sorts of weird and wonderful creatures, look closely at them and ask lots of questions. In the following weeks, we will be focussing on the children's interests e.g. reptiles, pets, farm animals, sharks etc. so please let us know which animals your child is particularly interested in. In maths this term, we will be revising adding and using a variety of ways to show this including; part part whole model, bar model and number sentences. We will be moving onto subtraction and using methods we have previously used. We will also begin looking at times of the day and beginning to look at telling the time. In literacy, we will be continuing to write basic sentences whilst focusing on using our phonics knowledge, capital letters, full stops and finger spaces. We will be finding out about animals using non-fiction texts. We will also be having living eggs, butterflies and ladybirds visiting the school. We will have an opportunity to watch these grow and learn how to care for them.

We would also like to invite parents and guardians to another 'Book and a Biscuit' on **Friday 20th March**, from 2:45 until 3pm to enjoy a story with your child.

After our last successful session we shall be having another 'Stay and Play' session on **Thursday 26th March** for an hour, from drop off until 10:00am.

Please bring in any outstanding forms and money asap.

Home learning

Create a project about your pet at home, or if you don't have a pet, about a pet that you would like. This can include; artwork, writing about what they like, eating, activities etc.

Due in: Monday 23rd March.

P.E is on Wednesday

Please could you ensure your child has their P.E kit in school within the first week of school. **Please remove earrings on these days.**



Reading books

We would like to thank those who are reading regularly with their children and please continue to do so. Our reading book structure has changed therefore your child will be bringing 2 books home, which will both be changed once per week on their guided reading day. Both these books need to be in school each day as these will be used during the school day. We believe the more children read the more confident they become.

Please read these several times to develop your child's confidence and fluency. :)



Tapestry Online Learning Journal.

We have enjoyed looking at what the children have been doing at home in class. The children have enjoyed sharing their activities with the class, especially if your child is a focus child. Please continue to add observations to Tapestry so we can track progress and share.



How can you help at home?

Please support your child to continue to practice writing their name in cursive.

- Practising letter sounds and tricky words e.g. the, and, I, no, go, to, the, into, me, he, be.
- Practising counting and recognising numbers to 20.
- Recognise numbers and letters in the environment.
- Blending sounds already learnt to make words e.g. c-a-t, p-e-g
- Writing CVC (Consonant-vowel-consonant) words e.g. p-a-n
- Using scissors.
- Getting dressed and undressed.
- Recognising 2D shapes in the environment and describing their properties e.g. a triangle has 3 corners and 3 straight sides.

This term we will be giving out pencil licences for those children who have really worked on their handwriting.

Websites for support

Please visit these websites to help at home;

- Home Learning <https://www.pakemanprimary.co.uk/home-learning/cyfs-home-learning-websites-and-information/>
- Hungry Little Minds
- Maths tool kit <https://www.familymathstoolkit.org.uk/>
- Topmarks <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?Subject=37>
- Literacy Trust <http://www.wordsforlife.org.uk/3-5>
- PhonicsPlay <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

Water bottles and packed lunches

Please could you ensure that your child brings a named drink bottle to school each day. It should have **water ONLY**.



We are encouraging healthy eating, so please ensure your child's packed lunch has healthy snacks including fruit.

Clothing

Please make sure all items of your child's clothing have their name on. It makes it much easier to use a permanent laundry marker or sewn in name labels. If you have found clothes that are not your child's, please bring them back to school so we can reunite them with their owners.

If your child has grown out of clothes (especially boys trousers, socks, tights and underwear) please could you donate these to Reception for us to use as spares.

Thank you :).