

Foundation Stage Overview (Reception Class)

Summer Term 2017

Topics: Dinosaurs / At the Seaside



Dear Parents,

Welcome to the start of a new term at school. Towards the end of this term we will be starting to prepare for moving into year 1, with visits to the year 1 classes and introducing the children to the staff.

This letter will explain what we will be doing over the next term and how you can support your child at home.

A few reminders –

- Could you please ensure that any clothing is clearly labelled. As the weather gets warmer, children often remove jumpers and cardigans, which then get left around the school. Named clothing has a better chance of being returned to its rightful owner.
- We will now start to practise for Sports Day. Could you please check that your child has t-shirt and shorts in their PE bag; this may be outside so appropriate footwear will be required.
- If you have changed your home or mobile phone number recently, please ensure that you have let the office know your new numbers, as well as an emergency number in case we need to contact you quickly.
- **PLEASE PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE SCOOTERS IN THE EARLY YEARS OUTDOOR AREA.** There is a scooter shed in the junior playground where they can safely be stored for the day which is far safer for the children and the scooters!
- In preparation for the move into Year 1 we would encourage you to leave your children at the gate in the morning. They have all settled by now and we are encouraging them to take charge of the morning routine independently. Our cloakroom gets very crowded which can be a little intimidating for the children.

Communication, Language and Literacy:

This term our focus will be on Dinosaurs and at the Seaside. Children will sequence, re-write and recount on what they have listened to or found out, writing for a variety of purposes and in a variety of styles. We are now expecting the children to be more independent with their writing and to begin to write more than one sentence unaided. They will continue to read individually, as a group and a class.

Every week the children will be extending their writing skills through writing labels, speech bubbles and captions.

At home: It would be useful if you could continue to read and learn words with your child, look at stories and information about the topics.

Mathematical Development:

We will continue to work with building our knowledge of the numbers to 20, including addition and subtraction facts as well as simple doubling and halving. As a class we will be looking at numbers above 20 and counting in 2's, 5's and 10's. We will continue to develop our knowledge of money and look at how we can make different amounts using different coins as well as role playing buying things in the Dinosaur Gift shop. Hopefully, with the arrival of the warmer weather, we will be able to compare capacity, full /half full / empty using the sand and water outside.

At home: Please ensure children are confident to count and write numbers to at least 20. Encourage them to look closely and name the coins you use when out shopping. Encourage children to count to 100 in 10's or to 20 in 2's.

Creative Development:

This term our focus will be on exploring jungle scenes, dinosaurs, texture and shape. Children will listen to, join in songs and play musical instruments. We will paint and collage different species of dinosaurs. We will also be using puppets and props to create our own dinosaur stories.

Next half-term our focus will be on postcards, patterns, under the sea creatures and all things related to the sea. We are also planning a 'fun' day in school at the end of the term with a bouncy castle, entertainers, games and other exciting activities. We will send more information nearer to the time.

Physical Development:

The children will work on dance this term with the focus on putting movements together which reflect the dinosaur movements that they are learning in class. Children will have a go at skills such as skipping and using hoops. They will be working together to create dinosaur and under the sea dances.

At home: Developing co-ordination skills, for example, set up a target to throw balls or bean bags into.

Knowledge and Understanding:

This half term our focus will be on finding out about dinosaurs using non-fiction books and making fact cards. We will be using our computer skills in the ICT suite to design dinosaurs and use simple art programmes to draw and create jungle scenes.

In the next half-term the focus will be on learning about creatures under the sea and looking at seaside holidays now and in the past.

We will be continuing to use our computer skills in the ICT suite to complete simple art programmes and using the Bee-Bots to go on a journey.

At home: Talk about your holiday experiences with your child and talk to grandparents to compare holidays.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

The main theme this term will be focusing on working both independently and collaboratively. We will continue to develop concentration skills, staying motivated on tasks and working on taking turns and sharing. Children are always encouraged to select and use activities and resources independently.

We hope you find this information useful and feel free to come and discuss with us any aspects you are unsure about.

Thank you for all your support
The Reception Team .