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Class newsletter

Reception

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Welcome Reception children and parents. It has been a wonderful first couple of weeks and we are all settling in well. This term our school theme is **Ancient Civilisations**. Reception class will be learning about the culture and history of India, China and Egypt.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED)

We will be learning to talk about ourselves and our families. We will bring in photos of our family and say what makes our family special. We will become confident in expressing our thoughts and feelings and develop relationships with adults and peers.

Communication, Language and Literacy Development

Literacy: We will be learning to sequence stories and events in chronological order. We will start to think about how characters are feeling and how we would feel if we were them.

Communication and language: We will learn to answer and discuss questions with a talk partner as well as sharing our opinions with the rest of the class. We will be beginning to talk about ourselves in a positive way. We will be developing our knowledge and use of topic-specific words by reading books and looking at artefacts related to the Ancient Civilisations.

Mathematics

will be learning to develop an understanding of maths through stories, songs, games and role play. We will learn to count to 20 and beyond. We will learn to secure 1:1 correspondence by touching and saying the number for each object, and will know to stop at the last object. We will be able to use our fingers to help us count and learn to recognise and say one more and one less than a given number to 10 and then 20. We will also develop our understanding of simple 2D shapes and explore positional language and non-standard measures.

Understanding the World (UW)

We are learning to develop basic skills using different devices, such as the computer to find out information about our topic. We will begin to look at our local environment and locate key landmarks. We will be finding different countries on a map, exploring what India, China and Egypt were like in the past and comparing this to today. We will investigate traditions, food and some significant people. We will learn about the seasons and compare plants and animals in the UK to those in the countries we are focussing on.



Religious Education (RE)

We will be learning about different cultural and religious celebrations that will take place over the next few months including Diwali, Hanukkah and Christmas. We will focus on how our families celebrate events and festivals now, as well as in the past.



Physical Development (PD)

We will be learning to develop our fine motor skills and hold a pencil with a secure grip. We will be using different tools such as tweezers and scissors as well as manipulating malleable materials like playdough and clay. We will be learning to travel with confidence around, under, over, and through balancing and climbing equipment to experiment different ways of moving.

Expressive Art and Design (EAD)

We will be learning to use a range of art techniques to create a self-portrait. We will explore and use a range of art different materials and techniques. We will take inspiration from our class theme to create designs and models. We will also be exploring different styles of music and a range of musical instruments, and learning some simple songs.

Reminders

PE:

We will have **P.E.** on **Wednesday**. Please make sure your child has appropriate P.E. kit (black jogging bottoms or shorts, white t-shirt and suitable footwear). Please could you make sure that your child's uniform and P.E. kit are labelled and that they have a spare set of clothing to leave in school including underwear.

Junk modelling and old toys/games:

Quite often we use old boxes and bottles to build and create various models and would appreciate if you could bring in any unwanted boxes, plastic bottles and materials to help with such projects. Old toys and games are also welcome.

Homework:

Homework will be given out every **Friday** and returned the following **Tuesday**. Please support and encourage your child with their homework.

Reading:

Reading books will go out every **Friday**. This will be a picture book of their choice. Please encourage your child to talk about the pictures, characters and key events in the stories and where possible highlight keywords.

Family Big Read:

Our Reception Family Big Read will begin **next half term** in order for the children to settle into the class smoothly. It will commence **next half term every Wednesday** from 9.00am-9:30am. This will be held in the classroom for the Autumn term. We will encourage all parents to please come if possible.

Punctuality:

Reception Class starts in the morning at 8.55am. Please make sure that your child arrives on time so that they do not miss the whole class teaching session. Please allow children to settle independently after hanging up their coats.

As we get familiar with the class and their families, please let us know if an unfamiliar person will be collecting your child. This is for health and safety reasons.

Thank you in anticipation of your support this term.