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Class newsletter Spring Term Reception

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Welcome back. We hope you have had a restful break and are ready for the Spring term. Our school theme this term is **Space - To Infinity and Beyond.**

Reception class will be learning about space, the planets in our solar system, including Earth, Mars and Saturn, as well as stars, moons and meteorites. We will also be learning about the role of an astronaut and how space shuttles work, and will be investigating light and dark, water, ice and air.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED)

We are learning to describe ourselves in positive terms and talk about our abilities. We will learn to be able to take steps to resolve conflicts with our friends, in particular when sharing resources.

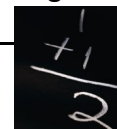
Literacy, Communication and Language

We are learning to use more complex sentences to organise, sequence, and clarify our own thinking, ideas and feelings. To extend our vocabulary about Space, we will be reading information books, stories, songs and poems. In phonics we will continue to learn new sounds and how to use them in both our reading and writing. We are learning to write short sentences in a meaningful context as well as writing captions and labels. We will be developing our awareness of rhythm and alliteration through rhymes, poems, and songs.



Mathematics

We are learning to extend our understanding of more and less through the methods of addition and subtraction in both practical and pictorial activities. We will learn to estimate how many objects we can see and check by counting them. We will be looking at patterns in materials in our environment and make our own using a range of 2D shapes. We will also learn to share things equally and evenly.



Understanding the World

We are learning to explore and find out about the world around us and to ask questions about it. We will find out about all the planets, including our own, planet Earth, as well as looking at the differences of meteoroids, meteors and meteorites. We will learn about light and dark, and different materials, as well as the changing of the seasons. Our role play area will be a space station and a science laboratory.



Religious Education (RE)

We are learning about cultural and religious differences in religions such as Hinduism, Christianity, Islam, Judaism, etc. In the first half term we will look closely at the celebration of Chinese New Year. In the second half term we will focus on new life, baby animals and Christian Easter celebrations.

Physical Education (PE)

We are learning to develop our control over an object by pushing, patting, throwing, catching and kicking it through a range of sports activities and physical games. We will continue to develop our understanding of how to hold a pencil effectively to help us form recognisable letters and numbers that most of which are correctly formed. We will also develop our understanding that good practices with regard to exercise, eating, sleeping and hygiene can contribute to good health.

Expressive Art and Design

We are learning to select appropriate materials for different tasks, as well as exploring and investigating natural and man-made materials. We will be combining different materials to create new effects. We are learning new songs, new combinations of movement and gestures to build our own repertoire of songs and dance.

Reminders

Show and tell

Show and tell happens every **Monday** and this term we will be focusing on items that children have found, such as natural objects or have made, such as a creative piece, picture or writing.

PE:

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

Homework:

Homework will be set every **Thursday** and returned the following Tuesday. Please support and encourage your child with their work.

Reading:

Reading books will go out every **Thursday** and returned the following **Tuesday**. This will be a picture book of their choice as well as a reading book aimed at their level of reading. Please encourage your child to talk about the pictures, characters and key events in the stories as well as using their sounds and understanding of known high frequency words

Wednesday

Big Read is every **Wednesday** from 9-9:30 am and then after we will have **Family Wednesday** from 9:30—10am in class. We 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.

Junk Modelling and old toys/games

Quite often we use old boxes and bottles to build and create various models in Reception and would appreciate if you could bring in any unwanted boxes, plastic bottles and materials to help with such projects. In particular this term we would welcome shiny materials for our space theme please, and of course as always, old toys and games are greatly appreciated also.

