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Class newsletter Spring Term 2022 EYFS

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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 and Aviation – Up in the Sky**.

Children will learn about:

- the weather and what we see in sky.
- how humans can fly and find out about our solar system.
- about animals that fly.
- seasons and how nature changes in Spring.

We deliver our curriculum taking account of the new framework for the early years foundation stage that was introduced by the government in September 2021. This sets the standards for learning, development and care for children from birth to five.

We believe, as the framework makes clear, that every child deserves the best possible start in life and the support that enables them to fulfil their potential.

Children develop quickly in the early years and a child's experiences between birth and age five have a major impact on their future life chances. We agree that a secure, safe and happy childhood is important in its own right.

We are excited about using both spaces (Nursery and Reception classes) flexibly to provide the best learning opportunities. This 'free flow' approach (where children move between different spaces) is in line both with the early years framework and our school philosophy where older children move to different spaces for particular topics eg art/PE/music.

Further information and a timetable for this new nursery/reception early years unit is contained at the end of this booklet.

Thank you for your continued support.

The Early Years Team



Knowledge of the World (KW)

The Natural World:

We will:

- explore and finding out about the weather, seasons and animals that fly.
- investigate different forces such as gravity
- find out about the solar system.

Past and Present:

We will:

- learn about the history of flight through stories such as Amelia Earheart
- find out about the history of space exploration and the moon landings.

People, Culture and Communities:

We will:

- learn about different cultural and religious celebrations, such Chinese New Year and Easter.
- In the second half term we will learn about new life and Christian Easter celebrations.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED)



We will:

- learn how to express our feelings and consider the feelings of others. We are
- learn how to persevere in the face of challenges and not give up.
- continue to find ways to resolve conflicts with our friends, in particular when sharing our classroom resources.
- continue to develop respectful relationships and take account of others' needs.

Communication and Language (CL) Literacy (L)



We will:

- learn to talk confidently and extend our vocabulary, particularly in relation to our Space and Aviation topic.
- read information books, as well as songs, poems and stories by the likes of Oliver Jeffers and Jill Murphy.
- focus on activities to promote speaking and listening skills
- continue to learn the letters of the alphabet and the sounds letters make. We will form letters correctly and write some words and simple sentences.



Mathematics

We will learn:

- to develop an understanding of number through stories, songs, games and imaginative play. We are
- to name and count numbers to 10 and beyond.
- about number bonds and simple addition and subtraction to 5.
- to use maths words such as 'more than' or 'less than'.
- to describe and name shapes and create repeating patterns. We will also learn to share things equally and evenly.

Physical Development (PD)

The new early years framework makes clear that physical development and physical activity is vital in children's all-round development, enabling them to pursue happy, healthy and active lives.

- Daily physical activity is embedded in our early years curriculum at Colvestone. Our activities are designed to improve strength, co-ordination and positional awareness as laid out in the framework:
- Your child will learn to travel with confidence and skill around, under, over and through balancing and climbing equipment and experiment with different ways of moving.
- Children will also develop their ball skills including catching, throwing, bouncing and kicking.
- Your child will continue to develop their tripod pencil grip in order to form letters and write fluently.
- They will learn how to use tools independently such as scissors and cutlery.
- They will continue to learn how a varied diet, exercise, sleep and good hygiene contribute to good health.



Expressive Arts and Design (EAD)

We will:

- learn to explore and investigate different natural and man-made materials.
- use different materials, exploring colours and shapes to create artwork, using recycled materials.
- learn new songs and make music using percussion instruments.
- act out and make our own stories, make music and dance to music
- use role play to create real and imaginary situations.



FAQs

Who are my class teachers?

- Ms Lynch and Ms Watson.
- Ms Lynch works all week and Ms Watson works Mondays and Tuesdays.
- Other adults in class include: Glenette, Ariza and Miss Smith who covers the class each Wednesday.

Where is my classroom?

- Reception will begin and end every day in the New Reception class. All children will spend time in both rooms as part of the 'free flow' learning in line with the early years framework.
- EYFS will primarily be learning together whilst at other times they will work in class groups/small focus groups.

When is PE?

- Physical activity is embedded in our daily curriculum in line with the early year's framework.
- Reception will also have a more structured PE session each Friday afternoons delivered by Team Kickstart coaches, who work across the school.
- Please make sure your child has appropriate PE kit and all clothes are labelled.

What does homework look like in EYFS?

- Homework will be given out every **Friday for Reception children.**
- Reception children will also be given some words to practise each week.

Can we borrow reading books?

- Books will be chosen every **Friday.**
- Please encourage your child to talk about the pictures, characters and key events in the stories and highlight common and topic words.

When does school start?

- EYFS 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.

What is PPA?

Wednesday morning when EYFS will be taught by Miss Smith. Miss Lynch and Miss Watson use this time for planning and preparation.

We are looking forward to working alongside you to help your child grow and develop in all areas of the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum.

Thank you in anticipation of your support this term.

Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
Sarah Lynch Vikki Watson Glenette	Sarah Lynch Vikki Watson Glenette	8.45– 11.30am Heather Smith Glenette	Sarah Lynch Glenette Ariza	Sarah Lynch Glenette Ariza
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