

Reception: Autumn 2: To Infinity and Beyond

Dear Parents,

Here are some of the activities we will be covering in Reception this half-term. This overview does not include everything that we will be doing, as many of our topics will be child-initiated, but hopefully, it will give you an insight into some of the learning which will be taking place. Learning will take place inside and outside of the classroom.



Physical Development

During PE this half term we will be working on developing our throwing, catching, bouncing and rolling skills with a ball.

We will continue to work on our fine motor skills such as threading and cutting, as well as strengthening our fingers with dough disco. We will continue to work towards holding a pencil with a tripod grip and forming letters and numbers correctly.

Communication and Language

Through circle time and our play, we will continue to develop our speaking and listening skills. We will develop our story telling skills through regular helicopter story sessions.

We will be enjoying stories relating to our topic which will develop our listening skills and encourage us to explore new vocabulary.

Personal Social and Emotional Development

We will continue to work on classroom rules and expectations. We will think about making good choices in the classroom and on the playground; and how our choices can affect how other people feel.

We will be encouraging the children to speak confidently within small groups whilst taking turns and listening to others.

Mathematics

In Maths we will continue to sing lots of songs and rhymes to practise saying number names in order. We will continue to work on subitising amounts to 5 and representing 1 to 5 in different ways, including on a 5 frame. We will be learning to recognise numerals 0 to 5 and we will begin to write them. We will explore the composition of amounts, e.g. 4 can be broken into 2 and 2. We will continue to use the language more and fewer during teaching time and throughout our play.

We will be learning to name and describe 2D shapes (focusing on circles, triangles, squares and rectangles) and then identifying these within the environment. We will make pictures and patterns using these shapes.



Expressive Arts and Design

We will enjoy exploring creating things with malleable materials such as clay and playdough linked to our topics, e.g. diva lamps and aliens.

In the junk model area, we will be using our imagination to create some interesting models whilst exploring how to join items together, e.g. rockets and space stations.

Understanding the World

We will learn about festivals and celebrations linked to the time of year e.g. Diwali, Remembrance Day and Christmas.

Through stories, we will be learning about space. We will learn about the moon, space travel and planets in our solar system.

Literacy

This half term we will continue to use RWInc to learn to recognise and write sounds. We will work on blending sounds together to read VC and CVC words, e.g. at, on, cat, dog, put, etc. We will continue to work on identifying the initial sound of words, e.g. car, cat, caravan also start with c sound.

We will listen to stories around the theme of space (Aliens Love Underpants, How to Catch a Star, The Smeds and the Smoos). We will sequence events from these stories and talk about the characters' feelings.