

Summer Term 1 2023 Newsletter

Dear parents and carers,

We have had an amazing Spring term, with the children making some incredible progress in many areas. We are particularly proud of the way the children have begun to use their phonic skills within their reading and writing. We have begun to

We have already had such an excellent start to 2023 some of our highlights have been sharing lots of exciting books and exploring Forest School. We have seen a huge improvement in the whole of Reception's social and academic progress. A big thank you to all those who have brought in junk modelling, joined in with school activities and supported our trip to West Norwood library.

Our Topics and Learning for Summer 1

Our topic for the next half term is **Traditional Tales with a Twist**. Our learning will be inspired by the story books we share together as a class, shown below. Please see our **recommended reading list** for suggestions on books you can share with your child at home that will help support their understanding of our topics.



In **Literacy**, We will be continuing to encourage children to 'Fred Talk' words in order to read and spell them, and continue to develop forming short sentences verbally which will help with writing sentences. We have also started to learn set 2 sounds which are all 'special friends'.

Please continue to support your child to watch the phonics videos available on Google Classroom.

In **Maths**, we shall start building numbers to 20 and beyond. The children will continue to explore shapes through measure, space and spatial reasoning, and we shall be introducing adding more and taking away.

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'Together We Can With Christ by our Side'

In Understanding the World, We will be exploring 'Traditional Tales with a Twist.' The first focus will be on Woodlands will provide links to many fairy tales and 'real life' elements as children will be able to name a growing number of native plants and animals. The second focus will be on materials and how they change due to mixing and heating. Children will be exploring ingredients and developing their knowledge of common materials. The twist in the stories will offer a range of problems for children to discuss and solve.

In R.E, our topic will be 'New Life'. The children will begin to understand that Jesus rose from the dead and that after God gave Jesus a new life he appeared to his special friends. They will also continue to develop their ability to retell stories and focus on the story of Ascension.

In Personal, Social and Emotional (R.S.E). This term the children will be learning about safe and unsafe situations inside, outside and online. Children will also learn who they can trust with questions about their body and what to do when they are feeling poorly. There will be a focus on knowing who to ask for help and how they can go about getting this.

PE & Forest School Days. The children will continue to explore the forest and our new planting areas in school. We will continue to visit our forest school on Monday afternoons and take part in P.E lessons on Wednesdays. Please ensure your child comes to school in their P.E kit on these days.

Weduc and Google Classroom

Weduc and Google Classroom are vital communication tools to support you and your child's learning. Please ensure you have the Weduc app downloaded so you can access information on whole school events and important dates. Google Classroom is a fantastic resource with information to support you and your child's learning, please ensure you can access this. If you have any difficulties please drop in to the Library to access our parent Tech Support on Wednesday mornings at 9am.

A polite reminder that our **school day begins at 8.45** and the **classroom doors open at 8.40am**, please make every effort for your child to arrive on time. We will continue to send **reading and sound folders home every Friday and collect these on Thursdays**.

Thank you for your continued support,

The Reception Team

Miss Hayter - Class Teacher RH, Miss Hopper - Class Teacher for RP, Mrs Reid - Early Years Educator Ms James & Mrs Pelliccia - Teaching Assistants