



Reception

Parent Newsletter
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Welcome back! We have a busy term ahead. Here is what we will be learning...

<u>Learning Challenge— Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star How I wonder what you are</u>	
	<p>This term our topic is all about space. How can we get into space? We are going to be thinking about the moon and the earth, looking at ways in which they are the same and different. We will also look at the planets.</p>
<p><u>Letters & Sounds</u></p> 	<p>All the children are now learning the Phase 3 sounds.</p> <p>During this term we are continuing to practise reading words by blending sounds together and writing words by chopping them up to hear the sounds we want to write.</p> <p>We will continue to practise forming our letters correctly, making sure we start in the correct place—sometimes in the middle, sometimes at the top but never at the bottom!</p>
<p><u>Literacy</u></p> 	<p>This term we are sharing space themed texts including 'Aliens Love Underpants', 'On the moon', 'The Way Back Home' and 'Whatever Next!'. If you have any space stories, please send them in!</p> <p>We will be writing for different purposes including writing a story, writing an information text and making a list for our end of term picnic. As discussed at Parents Evening, we are challenging the children to extend their writing both in length and in content. It is important that the children practise using the sounds they know and the tricky words in their writing.</p>

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Subject

Mathematics



This term we will continue to look at the numbers to 20 and to investigate them to gain a better understanding of the number system. We will also be encouraging the children to use their understanding of numbers to solve simple problems and introducing doubling, halving and sharing.

In Shape, space and measure the children will continue to explore 2d and 3d shapes and use mathematical language to describe them. We will also explore measuring distances when we make and launch our balloon rockets!

P.E



P.E will be on Tuesday for Writers and Thursday for Artists. The children each need named P.E kit. These will be sent home at half term for washing. You are welcome to take these home to freshen up before half term.

In P.E, the children are moving on to games skills. We will be using different equipment such as bats, balls, ropes and balancing equipment as we practise some activities for Sports Day.

The children will continue to practise yoga to help them to develop their gross and fine motor skills further.

Outdoor



Outdoor Learning— We will be using our Outdoor Learning space every day so please make sure your child has appropriate clothing for the weather. Hopefully they will be needing their sun hats as the term progresses. As the weather improves please remember to apply sunscreen before they come to school in the morning.

Special days

Parents Evening— We will be rearranging appointments for Writers' parents who had their appointments delayed. Details to follow.

School Trip— We have planned a trip for the final term to support our topic. Details will follow shortly.

The Brooklands App

If you have not already downloaded the Brooklands App please think about doing it soon. We post a weekly blog which you can find on the app and it is rapidly becoming a useful way for us to share information with you.

Twitter

Reception and Nursery have Twitter accounts. We regularly share photos of the children participating in various school activities. If we can increase the number of followers we can also use it to share messages and information to make sure you always know what is happening so please find us and follow us!

Nursery

We have 15 hour and 30 hour places available from September. Children can be added to the waiting list from the age of 2 and we will contact you as they approach their 3rd birthday. Please contact the school office to put your child on the waiting list to avoid disappointment.

Homework

Thank you for the superb Easter Bonnets you helped the children to make, we were so impressed! This term we would really appreciate your support with giving the children opportunities to practice their writing as often as possible.

Please support the children to practice forming their letters correctly using the wipe clean sheet we sent home. Capital letters should only be used at the beginning of a sentence or at the beginning of a name.

Reading

Thank you for supporting your children with their reading. Please continue to share a book with them as often as possible. Please make sure you write in their reading diary when you share a book with your child. If your child has read their book with you and needs to change it, please put it with their reading diary into the basket in the classroom. Please make sure your child puts their reading book in the classroom and not on their peg.

How to help at home

- ◆ Share books as often as possible.
- ◆ Practise counting. Sometimes this might be saying the number names in order, sometimes it might be practicing counting objects accurately.
- ◆ Play 'I Spy' with numbers out and about to help with number recognition.