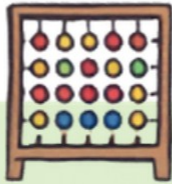


Summer Term in Reception

What Your Child Will Learn



Understanding the World

Children will develop their use of technology, including cameras, iPads and Beebots. In RE, they will explore special places and reflect on belonging, including visits to local churches and assemblies. We will investigate minibeast habitats and life cycles, learn about farm animals and food production, grow plants, and observe weather patterns and seasonal change.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Children will develop their independence and resilience through daily routines and challenges. Through the SCARF curriculum, they will learn about keeping their minds and bodies healthy, managing feelings, and understanding growth and change, including human life stages and where babies come from. They will build confidence in making choices, taking responsibility and developing positive relationships with others. How to help at home: Encourage independence through daily routines and simple chores. Talk about emotions and ways to manage them. Share family photos to discuss growth and changes over time.



Literacy

Children will continue daily phonics through Bug Club Phonics, completing Phases 3, 4 and 5, developing secure blending, segmenting and early writing skills. A focus is placed on correct pencil grip and building confidence in mark-making and simple sentence formation. They will explore a range of texts, including Handa's Surprise, Caterpillar Cake and On Sudden Hill, using these to support writing for different purposes such as captions, labels, instructions and poetry. Early writing is encouraged throughout continuous provision. How you can help at home: Share reading books regularly, write in reading records at least five times a week, visit the library, and encourage mark-making and early writing at home.

Mathematics

Children will explore the composition of numbers to 10, including working within 9 and 10, and begin to recall and use key number facts. They will investigate equal groups and sharing, including distributing amounts fairly, and develop problem-solving skills. We will also name and describe properties of 2D and 3D shapes, and apply their maths through practical experiences such as measuring, estimating, using money, telling the time and comparing quantities. How to help at home: Practise using 1p, 2p and 5p coins. Talk about 1 more/1 less with numbers to 10 and 20.

Communication and Language

Communication and language skills are developed continuously throughout the day through planned interactions, activities and experiences. Children are supported to listen, speak in full sentences, share ideas and express their thoughts and feelings confidently. Storytime and circle time provide focused opportunities for discussion and vocabulary development. In continuous provision, skills are developed through role play, puppets, small world, outdoor learning and collaborative play. Vocabulary is explicitly taught through Drawing Club, where children respond to stories, traditional tales and animations to support early language and writing.

Expressive Arts and Design

Children will build on their musical skills through the Charanga programme, developing listening, performing and reflecting, while exploring rhythm and pitch. They will refine their use of materials and tools to create more detailed artwork, inspired by Van Gogh's sunflower paintings using oil pastels and paint, and begin to explore different artists, styles, media and the emotions linked to art. Imaginative play and construction will support children in planning, creating and adapting their own ideas. How to help at home: Encourage your child to draw, paint and make using a range of materials, and talk about their choices. Listen to music together and discuss how it makes them feel. Explore art in everyday life and encourage imaginative play and model-making.

Learning Together

Support from everyone at home plays a vital role in helping children feel happy, secure and confident in their learning. The Early Years are some of the most important stages in a child's development, laying the foundations for future learning and success. Learning does not begin and end in the classroom; we are all learning from the world around us every day. Working together helps ensure children can achieve their full potential from the very start of their educational journey.

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Physical Development

Children will develop strength, coordination and control through a range of indoor and outdoor physical activities, including climbing, running, jumping, throwing, catching and riding balance bikes. They will refine fine motor skills through daily opportunities such as threading, pinching, rolling, twisting and manipulating materials, alongside construction and creative making in continuous provision. How to help at home: Encourage independence with dressing skills such as buttons and zips, and opening packaging. Support physical development through active play, walks and bike rides. Continue to develop fine motor strength and pencil control using a correct tripod grip.

Questions? Contact Reception Team