

Reception Spring 2 Newsletter



Welcome back to school from the Reception team! We can hardly believe that we are half way through the school year. The progress that the children have been making across the curriculum has been incredible to see. We hope that you have enjoyed seeing it on Tapestry each week. Please see Miss Butcher if you need help accessing Tapestry. This term we will be continuing to learn about 'My Place in the World'. We welcome you to talk to the children about your job if you think this would be suitable. For part of our learning we are hoping to walk to the Queen's Hill Country Park during this half term. If you are able to support us on this walking trip, please let your child's teacher know.

The children will continue to learn phonics this term and may begin to bring home reading books as the term progresses. We think it is important that children read **when they are ready** and will not send books home if they are not appropriately matched to the children's level. Please continue to practise the first set of Read, Write Inc. speed sounds and play paperchains games whilst your child develops the skills needed for reading.

We will continue our 'Mystery Reader' on Fridays and appreciate so many family members giving up their time to share a story with the children as it is hugely exciting for them ☺ There will be sign-up sheets for this on your child's class noticeboard.

Library books will continue to be changed on a **Wednesday** each week.

Keep checking our weekly 'Reception Times' letters and class noticeboards for up to date information and notices.

Dates for the Diary:

Please use the link <http://www.queenshill.norfolk.sch.uk/calendar/> for up to date events.

28.2.20 - Reading curriculum day (children only)

28.2.20 - Reading drop in session and Q&A 3:00-3:30

4.3.20 - Read Aloud Day - please let us know if you'd like to listen to children read in school today

5.3.20 - World Book Day Explorers' Café please join us 8:50-9:30

9.3.20 & 11.3.20 - Parents' Evening (EYFS only)

27.3.20 - Growth Mindset curriculum day (children only)

2.4.20 - Easter assembly (children only) and end of term



Wow Learning Moments at School and Home:

Thank you to all of the families that record short reading and maths activities in their diaries each week. We'd like to say a big well done to the children that have achieved certificates for 20 reading and maths stamps so far. Class reading pets will continue spending time with you at home this term. We have loved seeing photos of

our reading pets enjoying sharing stories in your homes! Remember to log in to Tapestry each week to see what we have been learning and share wow moments from home with us.



We will continue PE lessons on a **Friday**. Please ensure that your child's PE kit is in school and that all of their clothing is named. We have been focusing on helping the children turn their inside out clothes the right way round independently. Most children can do this so make sure they practise these skills at home, too!

We love learning outside and recommend you keep spare clothing, wellies, gloves or hats in school for wet, chilly days. *We will always accept donations of outgrown clothing for our spares box.*

Our Curriculum:

Communication and Language (C&L)

This half term we will be working on conversation skills and responding to others with relevant comments. We will be enjoying many more stories and we'll be using these to help us develop our own narratives, by connecting ideas and events.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED)

We continue to develop the key skills for working with others positively and forming good, respectful relationships with a range of people. Children will have different opportunities to develop confidence by sharing their ideas in front of others.

Physical Development (PD)

In PE we will learn fun games and ways to keep our bodies fit and healthy. We will develop control when using different tools e.g. for writing and scissors and we will also develop ball control. We will be focusing on keeping healthy and being hygienic.

Literacy (L)

In Read, Write Inc. phonics lessons children learn letters and sounds. Children will begin to read and write simple words including some common words (red words) to help with sentence reading and writing. We will be focusing on rhyming stories and games.

We are continuing to focus on vocabulary and will be learning these words: **prize, map, ingredients, festival, new, spring, author, illustration and information.**

Maths (M)

Our focus will be on number bonds (pairs of numbers) totaling 5 and identifying one more and less than a given number. Children will be learning about money, time and sequencing events.

Understanding the World (UW)

We'll look at religious festivals and places around the world to consider similarities and differences between ourselves and others. We will be making observations of seasonal changes and thinking about how things happen. We will find out how technology is used in school and recap the rules for keeping safe online.

Expressive Art and Design (EAD)

We will learn about different tools, techniques and materials used in creating art work and we'll learn about the artist Andy Goldsworthy. We will continue having weekly music lessons where we learn songs and find out about different instruments. The children will have lots of opportunities for designing and making (we always welcome your clean recyclable rubbish)!