

Reception Spring 1 Newsletter



A big warm welcome back to school from the Reception team! We hope you have enjoyed the winter break with your family and are ready to get stuck back into learning.

This term we will be learning about 'My Place in the World'. We will be learning about the world around us, both locally and a little further afield. If you would like to talk to the children about living in a different country or having a job that helps our world then we would love to have you in. Please see your child's class teacher.

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.

See your child's teacher if you would like to be a 'mystery reader' one Friday and would be willing to share a story with the children. This could be in a different language or one of your favourite books.

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. There will be a mystery reader sign-up sheet on your child's noticeboard.

Dates for the Diary:

Please use the link <http://www.queenshill.norfolk.sch.uk/calendar/> for more dates as these could change:

10.01.20 - My place in the world curriculum day (children only)

20.01.20 - Karate taster session (children only) 8:50 - 9:30

04.02.20 - Join us in class for an explorers learning café

07.02.20 - Safety awareness day (children only)

14.02.20 - Last day of half 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 love to see what you get up to! Each class has some 'reading pets' which can't wait to spend time with you at home this term. Remember to log in to Tapestry each week to see what we have been learning and share wow

moments from home with us. Please see Miss Butcher if you are having difficulty logging in.



We will continue PE lessons, please note the change of day to 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.

We love learning outside and encourage you to keep spare clothing, wellies, gloves or hats in school for wet, chilly days on your child's peg.

We will always accept donations of outgrown clothing for our spares box.

Our Curriculum:

Communication and Language (C&L)

We will be listening closely to stories and will be starting to think about what might happen next. The children will be working on following multiple instructions with 2 or more parts e.g. *tidy the car away, then put your shoes on*. Children will be learning about past, present and future.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED)

In PSED we will focus on trying new activities and taking turns. We encourage children to listen to others and discuss their feelings. We will continue to understand what our school rules *ready, safe and respectful* look like in real life.

Physical Development (PD)

We will be learning about healthy diets and exercise. If this is your job and you would like to support us with this, please get in touch!

We will be developing the children's coordination and control in large and small movements in PE and writing.

Literacy (L)

We will continue learning letters and sounds in our Read, Write Inc phonics lessons. We will begin to read and write simple words and will introduce some common, tricky words (red words) to help with sentence reading and writing. We will be focusing on traditional tales.

Maths (M)

This half term we will look at numbers up to and over 20. The children will count backwards. We will compare and order objects by height, length, weight and capacity.

Understanding the World (UW)

We will think about where we live and compare this to other places. We will support children to identify and understand differences in opinions and experiences. The children will continue to develop their understanding and use of technology.

Expressive Art and Design (EAD)

We will look at Chinese artwork as we look at how the Chinese New Year is celebrated. We will encourage children to use different materials and objects to create art work and models. We continue to have weekly music activities and combine music and movement creatively.

Continuing to support your child's learning at home will help them make progress.