

Reception Curriculum Newsletter



Literacy

This half-term our core text for Literacy will be 'Supertato' by Sue Hendra and Paul Linnet. As the children prepare for their transition into Key Stage One, we will be focusing on securing foundational writing skills, particularly, using finger spaces, capital letters and full stops when writing simple sentences.

The children will also have opportunities to further develop their speaking and listening skills by engaging with carefully selected texts and being supported to articulate their understanding of what they have read.

Please support your child in writing sentences independently at home. This is something that requires plenty of practice and children can often find remembering their sentence challenging when writing.

Summer Two

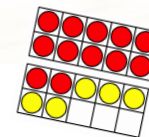


Mathematics

This half-term we will be consolidating all of our learning so far. We will be ensuring that the children are secure in their understanding of numbers to ten including finding one more and one less than a given number, subitising, recalling key number facts and solving simple addition and subtraction problems.

We will also be spending time considering number patterns when counting beyond twenty, recalling facts such as doubles and odd and even numbers, and will spend time developing our sharing and grouping skills.

Please continue to practice counting with your child and helping them to write numbers up to 20.



Phonics

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As our Reception children begin to get ready for their move to Year One – phonics is of the upmost importance! The children should now be able to speedily say their Set 1 Sounds and be developing their confidence with Set 2 sounds.

Please be reminded that the expected reading level for a child at the end of Reception is a green book.

In Year One, your child will complete the Phonics Screening Check. A parent information meeting will be held in the first half term of the new school year – this will be a highly useful workshop to support your child with the Phonics Screening Check.

Jigsaw (PSHE)



This half-term our Jigsaw topic is 'Changing Me'. The children will be learning more about their bodies and some ways they can keep healthy. We will also look at some differences between babies, toddlers, children and adults.

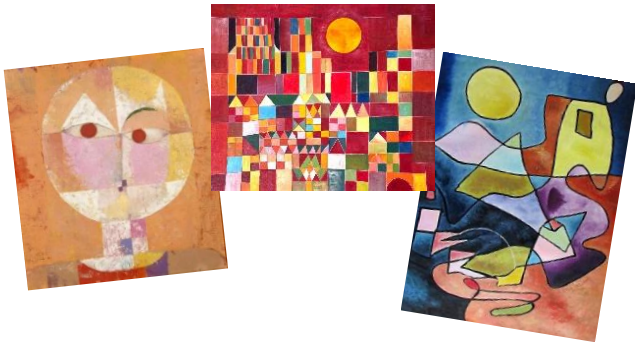
The children will be encouraged to talk about how they feel about moving into Year One. We will share what we are looking forward to doing and also any worries we might have.

As we move into Summer, we will also be taking time to teach the children about the importance of water safety and importance of being safe in the sun.



Art

This half term our focus artist is Paul Klee. We will be observing how Klee used shapes to create interesting pieces of art and will try to emulate this in our own artwork.



Trip to Cannon Hall Farm

This half term, our Reception children will be going on their first school trip! The children will spend time prior to their trip, learning about the different animals that live on farms, the work that farmers do to care for animals, and about hygiene when interacting with farm animals.

The children will have the chance to see traditional farm animals as well as the animals housed in the Reptile and Mammal Houses at Cannon Hall Farm. We can't wait to share some pictures from our special day with you!



Music

Our music lessons this half-term will revisit some of the songs we have learnt throughout the year. We will also continue to build on our instrument skills by learning a new piece on the glockenspiels.

We will also be incorporating some dance into our sessions. We will experiment to see how different types of music make us move differently.

Sing as much as you can with your child at home – songs are a great way to learn new words, understand melody and to have fun.



Understanding of the World

As Summer begins, we will be beginning to learn about minibeasts and life cycles! We will be looking at the features of different minibeasts, and we will be taking part in lots of outdoor learning to observe minibeasts within our school grounds. We will also spend some time revisiting special jobs that people have – especially thinking about who helps us at home, at school and in our community.

The rest of the half term will be spent building on topics that we have covered throughout the year – learning about changes in technology over time, different places such as towns, cities, and we will spend some time thinking about the seaside.



Please remember the daily essentials:



Your child's book bag containing their reading record and any books they currently have.



A water bottle – please do not put juice in your child's bottle, only water please.



Even as the weather is warming, please ensure that your child is coming to school with a coat to wear in the case of light rain. **Please ensure your child's name is written in all their belongings.**

