

Welcome to Reception

*Your teachers this year will be Miss Murray, Mrs Horton, Mrs Cartmell and Miss Ashmore*

In Reception this half term we will be focusing on the following books:

- On the Way Home by Jill Murphy
- Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers
- The Runaway Train by Benedict Blathwayt
- Super Submarines by Tom Mitton
- How to Catch a Star by Oliver Jeffers
- Rocket Girl by Didi Dragon
- The Journey by Aaron Becker

In Communication and Language, we will be working on thinking of and asking a question relevant to a topic rather than making a comment. We will be focusing on what a question is and use prompts such as what, when, who, where and why. In speaking we will be looking for children applying the weekly vocabulary into their everyday speech within the classroom or during explanations.

In PSED, we will be practicing our listening and attention skills for year 1. By showing we are lesson ready which involves sitting quietly, waiting for and following instructions, we will also be practising using appropriate outdoor and indoor voices at the right times. When moving around school we are practicing lining up quietly and walking sensibly.

In Physical Development, we will be focusing on refining our fine motors skills in order to have full pencil control as we prepare for year 1. We will be focusing on correct letter formation and ensuring letters are sitting on the line. In PE we will be focusing on net and wall games and will start to look at striking and fields games also.

In Literacy, we will be focusing on all children been able to say a sound for each letter in the alphabet and at least 10 digraphs. We will be continuing to ensure the children can read simple sentences which are consistent with their phonics knowledge and include some common exception words. We will be encouraging children to read these with fluency and increased pace. Additionally in writing we will be contracting on letter formation and writing simple sentences or phrases that can be read by others.

In Maths, we will be focusing on recalling all number bonds to 5 and some to 10. We will be practicing our doubling facts with numbers to 10. Additionally, we will be comparing quantities to 10 using the vocabulary greater than and less than or the same as. Finally, we will be looking at odd and even number patterns to 10.

In Understanding the world, we will be focusing on our geographical knowledge recalling features of a map as well as looking at compasses and directional language. We shall continue to note changes to the seasons, looking at materials and proprieties linking this to our transport theme, investigating which materials float and sink.

In Expressive Arts and Design, we will be sculpting manipulable materials, we will learn how to manipulate clay and other different materials inspired by the work of sculptors.

