



Reception

Summer Term:

The summer term is always our favourite and we have so much to look forward to. Look out for our Tapestry post about our 'Mystery Reader' opportunity—this has proved popular in the past so please sign up if you can!

Communication and Language

This is a vital area of our curriculum and we will be encouraging the children to extend their communication skills. We model how to ask questions and to listen carefully to responses, feeding back what we have discovered. During our literacy activities we will be retelling stories and asking "What if..." questions to extend the narrative.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This term we really encourage the children to develop their independent skills. We will continue to develop our characteristics of effective learning through our class dinosaurs: Thinkasaurus, Explorasaurus and Tryasaurus!

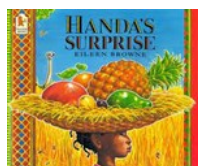
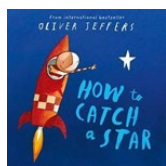
'Growing' is the theme for our life skills sessions, we will be exploring the life stages of animals, plants and humans.

Physical Development

The children will continue to develop their fine motor skills to support their handwriting. During PE the children will be developing their co-ordination whilst learning ball skills and practising for Sports Day. They will also be exploring the effects exercise has on their bodies and discussing the importance of good sleeping, hygiene and eating healthily. Our PE lessons are on a Monday.

Literacy

Our Literacy learning will be based on the following books during the summer term. Grandma Fantastic will be helping us to extend our vocabulary. Each week we will be modelling how to orally compose and write sentences in response to our core books. We will share key vocabulary with you on Tapestry linked to each new book.



Favourite three reading books

Here are the books we will be reading to the children often in class, we will share links with you via tapestry so that you can access these books at home too:

First half term

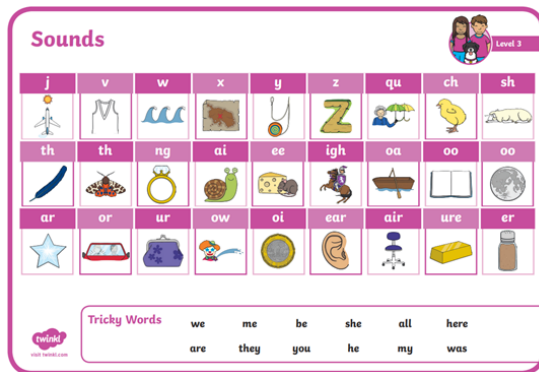


Second half term



Phonics

We will begin the term by recapping any level 3 sounds the children were less secure on from our recent assessments. We want the children to be able to confidently read any simple word containing the level 2 or 3 sounds and to spell words by identifying sounds in them and using their phonic knowledge. We will be encouraging the children to write simple captions and sentences that can be read by others.



Please support your child to read their reading books at least three times a week.

Please write in the diary each time to let us know how they are getting on.

We will write any particular sounds / tricky words your child needs to practise in your child's reading diary.

Poems and Rhymes

New rhymes we will be learning this term are: 'Down at the Station', 'I went to visit a farm one day' and 'A Sailor went to sea, sea, sea'. Our new poem this term is called 'I have a little frog.'

Mathematics

In Maths this term we will be looking at numbers to 20 and beyond. The children will explore how to build each number and through practical activities will be adding, subtracting, doubling and halving. We will continue to provide regular opportunities for the children to instantly recognise small quantities. We will continue to develop our knowledge of 2D and 3D shapes and will use this to create our own models and patterns.

Understanding of the World

We will be using our senses to investigate the changing seasons and signs of new life. We will be using different technologies to help us record these changes including cameras and recording devices.

We will also be comparing places around the world with Bishop's Stortford. Thank you so much to all the families who have been in to share information about different places last term. If anyone else would like to share with us please let us know.

Expressive Arts and Design

During the first half term we will be exploring the sculptural qualities of malleable materials and natural objects; developing the use of tools and joining techniques; designing and making clay animal sculptures.

In the second half term we will be exploring what is meant by 'waterproof', 'floating' and 'sinking', then experiment and make predictions with various materials to carry out a series of tests. We will learn about the different features of boats and ships before investigating their shape and structures to build our own boats.

Summer term events:

Little City experience for Nursery and Reception children (in school) - Tuesday 21st May

Mystery reader—Tuesday's + Thursday's at 3pm (see Tapestry for information)

We will let you know about Sports Day and our Pets Corner visit once finalised ASAP on Tapestry!

Kind regards, Mrs Turner and Mrs Fletcher