Year 2026 Reception Spring Half Term 1 Overview

Welcome

We have lots of exciting opportunities for your child this term as we learn about 'People who Help Us & Winter'. Through stories, role play, discussions and practical activities, the children will explore the important roles people play in our community and how they keep us safe, healthy and happy. We will also be learning about the Season of Winter and celebrate Chinese New Year!

Mathematics

As mathematicians we will be, recognising numbers to 8 and will use equipment to represent these numbers. The children will be introduced to combining 2 groups and the early vocabulary of addition. We will look at finding 1 more & 1 less than a given number, explore the concept of odd and even numbers by looking at pairs and double to 8. We will also be looking at the concept of mass, capacity, length &height.

English

As budding writers, readers, listeners & speakers, We will practise blending and segmenting sounds to support reading and spelling of words and simple captions. Phase three phonic sounds will be introduced, alongside exploring books, stories, rhymes, and action songs to foster a love of reading. Children will write about different jobs, learn new vocabulary linked to these jobs and community roles, and create questions for visitors who will talk about their work..

Topic

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

As citizens, we will be focussing on sharing and taking turns. We will be talking about safety and how to ask for help. We will be exploring feelings, kindness and how we can help others. We will also be focussing on our listening skills and how to be a good audience.

Understanding the World & Technology

As scientists, we will be learning doing lots of experiments related to our topic- Testing materials to see which are strong and waterproof for firefighter clothing. Fingerprint fun- looking at fingerprints and compare patterns. Germ experiment – showing how soap pushes germs away.

As Historians, we will be thinking about how jobs have changed over time.

Expressive Arts and Design

As blossoming artists, we will use different media to create collages of firefighters, doctors, Police officers etc. using paper, foil and recycled materials. Role play areas will be set up each week for children to act out roles using costumes, props and imaginative language.

Physical Development

As growing, healthy children, we will develop our awareness of space, play collaborative games, and build confidence and control in our gross and fine motor skills using a range of equipment. Through the PE topic *Body Management* and our Funky Fingers programme, children will explore different ways of moving and further develop fine motor skills, including learning to use chopsticks.

Home Learning

You can support your child this half term by reading regularly with them and helping them learn the red words in their reading diary. Practising spelling these words and using them in simple sentences is a great extension. You can also practise phonics using the parent portal linked to our scheme http://parents.fft.org.uk/ Please continue encouraging independence, such as putting on coats, hats, scarves, and gloves independently.