



Curriculum Newsletter: Reception (Summer Term 1)



Personal Social and Emotional Development

In PSED this half term we will be focusing on how to keep safe with regards to sun and water. We will be looking in more detail at how to take care of ourselves e.g. dressing, toileting, looking after our teeth and what constitutes a healthy lifestyle!

How can I help at home?

Discuss how to keep safe in the sun and near water.
Talk about healthy foods & a healthy lifestyle.
Send learning selfies!

Communication and Language

This half term we will have the opportunity to talk about and find out information about different animals etc. There will be the opportunity for children to role play in our very own veterinary surgery, pet shop or zoo. We will be looking at the stories of Dear Zoo, Superworm and The Scarecrow's Wedding and be able to identify lots of key story language.

How can I help at home?

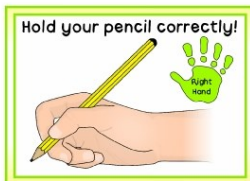
Take me to visit a pet shop to see what they sell, prices of items etc.
Talk about different types of animals and habitats

Physical Development

This half term we will be continuing to look at how to keep our bodies healthy and the impact that exercise has on the body and what a healthy diet looks like. We will be exploring throwing and catching and playing a variety of different games. We will be practising our letter formation and making sure we are holding our pencil correctly.

How can I help at home?

Play some throwing and catching games at home
Practise letter formation at home and use the correct tripod grip.



Don't Forget

Please ensure that children have a full set of clearly labelled spare clothes on their peg and a pair of wellies. As we move into the Summer Term, please bring a cap if appropriate.
Don't forget to check the Class Blogs. These can be found on the school website under the class pages.



Amazing Animals

In Reception we are very lucky to be able to follow children's interests and teach and learn through a play based curriculum.

We start each term based around a topic and then see what journey the children will take us on.



This half term our initial topic is **ANIMALS**. We will be providing opportunities for children to explore **ANIMALS** through a variety of play opportunities.

Expressive Arts and Design

This half term we will be focusing on printing. We will be looking at a variety of animal prints and how to create different patterns. We will be looking at man-made patterns and patterns in nature. We will be using rhythm planners to make music.

How can I help at home?

Look at patterns in the environment



Religious Education

The topic for this half term is Special People. We will be discussing what makes a special person, looking at different special people in our community, looking at why Jesus is special to Christians and how Christians believed he was a teacher, healer and leader.

How can I help at home?

Send in learning selfies of children with people who are special to them.

Literacy

This half term we will be exploring a range of books with an animal theme. We will be starting the half term with the book 'Dear Zoo'. We will be thinking of different animals that the zoo might send us and why we couldn't keep it.

How can I help at home?

Look at a variety of story and information books at home
Think of a range of animals and reasons that the children could not have them as pets.
Read a wealth of stories to encourage the story language. Some of the key language that we have been looking at include; *Once upon a time, early one morning, who, suddenly, unfortunately, finally, the end.*

Maths

This half term we will be consolidating our teen numbers and continuing to embed addition, subtraction and doubling. We will be revisiting halving and 'lot of' (multiplication). We will be counting in 2s and 5s and 10s. We will be talking about money and identifying coins and solving problems with money.

How can I help at home?

Talk with the children about how we can equally share amounts and how you have to have equal amounts to make it fair.
Count in 2s, 5s and 10s at home.
Talk about different coins and encourage children to count out different amounts.

Understanding the World

This half term we will have the opportunity to discuss life cycles and the habitats of different animals. In ICT we will be using a wide range of ICT e.g. computers, programmable toys such as the BeeBots and the iPads

How can I help at home?

Discuss different animals habitats and life cycles
Use a range of ICT equipment at home e.g. CD players, computers, iPads etc.

Little Star Vouchers

Don't forget you can send in Little Star Vouchers. Little Star Vouchers are used to celebrate something that your child has done at home so we can show we are proud of them too. If you need any more please just ask a member of Reception Team



Learning Selfie

Learning Selfies are a great way to get children to talk about what they have been learning about at home. So whether you have been out to a museum or cooking at home- why not send us a learning selfie? Send it to

learningselfie@kewwoods.com

with a sentence about what it is your child has been learning about.