

Year Reception Curriculum Newsletter

Key information about Reception

- This term we continue to focus on the key processes of learning to read. This will include: Daily phonics lessons; Daily high frequency words; Big book reading with their class teacher and a rich variety of stories at story time. We have started small group reading sessions and to support this we send books home regularly. Your child takes home a book to read for pleasure and we send home books at their reading level so they can continue to practice their reading at home. We have added a guide for reading at home with your child to Google Classroom in the next week.
- We are doing more work on independent writing this term so encourage your child to write about anything they are interested. There is a guide to how you can help your child write on Google Classroom
- Your children are well launched on phonics and their high frequency words. A guide to this learning on the google classroom platform for learning so that parents understand this approach including ways for parents to help at home.
- Google Classroom will be the main place for you to go if you want to access different materials to support learning at home including high frequency word games to help your child remember these key words, ways to support your child's writing, fun learning activities and stories read aloud by staff
- Guides for supporting children with how to use Google Classroom are available on the school website. If you have difficulty accessing the internet from home, let your child's teacher know.



How can parents/ carers help at home?

- Read with your child everyday. Find high frequency words in the books they read and encourage them to re-read a sentence when they get stuck. If they get really stuck encourage them to use their phonics.
- This term our topics are 'Where We Live and Journeys' before we look at 'Traditional Tales' in Summer 2.

Visits to go on at the weekend!

- Parents can visit the Discovery Children's Story Centre in Stratford (<https://discover.org.uk/>)
- Another great trip is to the Cutty Sark in Greenwich. You can go by DLR which is a whole adventure on its own!



Things to make and do!

- You can make simple finger puppets of the characters from fairy stories and help your child retell the stories. Lots of talk really helps develop your child's language and vocabulary
- You can save packaging and make a vehicle from it! This website attached gives you lots of ideas. (<https://thecraftathomefamily.com/preschool-transportation-crafts/>). This really helps your child's fine motor skills and is another great way to encourage lots of talk!
- If you do make something, bring it in to school to show us!!



Year R's topics for the Summer term is

Where we live—Journeys and Traditional Tales

In Summer term we continue concentrate on three main areas of Communication and language; personal, social and emotional development; physical development.

We add a sustained focus on reading and writing and number to get ready for the transition to Year 1

We continue encourage children to play and explore with the activities we plan and we capitalise on their interests.

In summer term we have greater expectations or all children to be writing more frequently

We continue to do whole class teaching or group work in phonics, high frequency words, shared reading, guided reading

The learning journey for Summer Journeys and Traditional Tales

What is a Journey?

Where do you live?
Where have you been?
How did you get there?



Aeroplanes

Where would you go on an Aeroplane
What are different types of plane?
Have you been to an airport?



Aeroplanes

What do you need to go on a plane?
Ticket? Passport?
How are planes made? What are the different parts of a plane?



Traditional tales

What are traditional tales?



Boats

Where do you go on a boat?
Why do boats float?
Floating and sinking experiments.



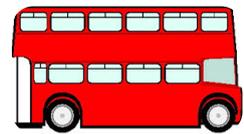
Cars and taxis

What are the parts of a car?
What is a taxi? How do taxis know where to go?
Making maps



Vehicles—Buses

What is a vehicle?
Have you seen a bus?
Have you been on a bus?



TT with animals

Three little pigs



TT with animals

Three Billy Goats Gruff



TT with heroes

Jack and the Bean-Stalk

Little Red Riding hood



TT with people

Goldilocks and the Three Bears

