

PE and Forest School

Please make sure the children come into school wearing weather appropriate and comfortable clothing.

- PE will now take place on Wednesdays.
- **Forest school** will continue to take place on Fridays.

Junk Modelling

The children enjoy using their imaginations to make and create. Please can you send in donations of large cardboard boxes, tubes, bottles and materials to support this activity.

We will also be doing lots of junk modelling, material sorting and recycling, so contributions of smaller junk would also be gratefully received.

Spare clothes

We are low on spare clothes. If you have any spare or outgrown trousers, joggers, boys' socks and pants, and tights we will gratefully receive them.

Reminders

- Water bottles should be clearly named and contain only water.
- Please refrain from putting water bottles in book bags in case they leak.
- All items of clothing should be named, including hats, gloves and scarves.
- Inform staff if somebody unknown to the Reception staff will be picking up your child.

Maths

We will be continuing to practise our subitising. This is when you see a number of objects rather than counting them. There are lots of ways of practising this at home. Please look at the following link for ideas.

[Subitising | numeracy | early years - BBC Bitesize](#)

Additionally, in maths this term we will be learning numbers 0-10 in depth as well as mass and capacity.

NumBots is a great learning resource that the children can access at home to help develop and consolidate their number knowledge and skills in a fun way through playing games. Log in information and details will be shared with you over the next couple of weeks via Tapestry.



RE

This term the children will be thinking about: 'Why is the word 'God' so important to Christians?'; 'Which stories are special and why?'; We will also be learning about and celebrating Chinese New Year.

PSHE - Jigsaw

The children will be exploring 'dreams and goals'. They will be doing this through setting challenges and goals, being resilient and persevering.

Writing workshop

We will be holding a writing workshop. **The timings and date will be confirmed over the next few weeks.** Look out for a memo on Tapestry. This is an opportunity for you to learn about how we teach writing in Reception.

Reception Newsletter

Term 3

Dear Parents and Carers,

Let us start by wishing you a Happy New Year and thanking you for the thoughtful and generous Christmas gifts that we received.

All the children, without exception, really enjoy sharing news about their families and experiences out of school. Please upload photos and videos to Tapestry so that we can share them with the whole class. The children love to speak to their friends about their photos and answer questions from peers.

This term we will be thinking about, **How can we look after our world?** We will be learning how we can care for the environment. We will be sharing the book, 'Somebody Crunched Colin' and learning how and why we recycle. This is something that can easily be supported at home by getting your child to help sort the recycling and consider what different products are made from.

We will be developing the childrens' interests and knowledge of our local area. Including a walk around the high street, visiting some local landmarks and carrying out a litter pick.

We are going to be exploring historical artifacts, thinking about the history of Chipping Sodbury, as well as exploring new and old household items. If you have any interesting photographs/items relating to this which you are happy for us to share with the children, please let a member of staff know.



Dates

PE

Every Wednesday

Forest school

Every Friday

Writing Workshop

Dates and times to be confirmed

Chinese New Year

Wednesday 29th January

Visit to the high street

Monday 3rd February (Parent helpers needed)

Last Day of Term

Friday 9th February

Reading

Please continue to send book bags in every day. We do not have a set day for reading, so it is essential your child's books and reading records are always available. At home, please share and read 'Book Bag' books, practise letter sounds and bookmark words with your child. Remember, reading little and often rather than one long session is more beneficial to your child's progress. Please remember to initial your child's reading diary when you read with them. <https://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/find-out-more/parents/>

Here is a link to Read Write Inc sound cards if you wish to purchase them to practise with your child at home:

https://www.amazon.co.uk/s?k=rwi+home+sound+cards&crid=37E1ZZUZ54RV0&prefix=rwi+home+sound+cards%2Caps%2C90&ref=nb_sb_noss