



Dear Parents/Carers,

We cannot believe it is Christmas already, where did the Autumn term go? Our Once upon a Time/ Christmas theme has been amazing. The children have thoroughly enjoyed it, getting so much learning from the theme and they are absolute superstars at reciting the story of The Little Red Hen. Thank you to those of you who attended the recent Stay and Play sessions - look out for the next date.

Overview of Reception themes for the rest of the year & approximate costs

- Spring 2 **Wherever Next!** – We are planning on having lots of fun this term starting off with a space based theme and ending up with some fantastic learning about Superheroes – we will even be making our own Superhero pants!
- Sum 1 **Fun on the Farm**– We are really excited about this term as we embark on lots of learning about nature, animals and lifecycles. We plan to take the children on a trip to the Zoo. This will cost approximately £18.
- Sum 2 **Seasides, Pirates and Mermaids** – Finally, as we approach our final term, we are planning on creating lots of fun adventures in school and building our own little seaside that we can have lots of fun at!

Communication and Language

We will be giving the children lots of opportunities to explore language in role play and re-enacting a variety of stories. We will be looking at widening the children's vocabulary and understanding the structure of books including understanding the difference between fiction and non-fiction. We will also be learning a few Dinosaur facts of course!

Physical Development

We will be exploring different types of balances (seated, standing and jumping) through stories called Monkey Business and Journey to the Blue Planet. The children will practise their skills through songs and stories, working independently or with a partner and then applying these skills in a range of physical activities.

Literacy

In Literacy, the children will be starting a new Talk 4 Writing story which they will learn off by heart, complete with actions. This will form the basis of our learning throughout the term. They will also be continuing with their Read, Write, Inc sessions where they will be using their phonic sounds in order to help them to read and write. Regular practise of blending, both in and out of school, is essential. Please support your child with the sounds and words that are sent home in their phonics pack. This term we will also be encouraging your child to become more confident at having a go at writing sentences independently.

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Dinosaurs



Please continue to read with your child at home and talk about the books or texts you have read. Reading is not just about looking at books; early reading skills develop from recognising familiar logos and signs in the environment. Spotting these when you are out and about with your child helps to develop their reading skills in a fun way!

Maths

In maths, the children will be working on recognising and ordering numbers to 10 and securing their understanding of this in depth as we continue to promote our mastery curriculum. We will also be learning about positional vocabulary and 2D and 3D shapes. The children will also be learning about length and height as we learn about different units of measure. This term's homework grid will have ideas on to support the learning of these topics.

Understanding the World/Expressive Arts and Design

This term we will be learning lots of fascinating dinosaur facts as we become engrossed in our theme of Dinosaurs! This will include sorting and classifying different types of dinosaurs, exploring fossils and dinosaur bones, how the world has changed since pre-historic times and what ever happened to dinosaurs?! As well as all this super learning, we will also have the opportunity to make fossils and paint and build dinosaurs from recycled materials!

Interactive Learning Diary

Thank you to those of you that support the ILD! We look forward to the Christmas contributions! Please contact your child's class teacher if you are not yet registered.

Thank you as always for your valued support.

Have a great Christmas!

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