

Mathematics

Key learning in our maths mastery journey this half term includes:

- Exploring and discussing the days of the week and daily events, time and the seasons
- Using everyday language to talk about and sequence daily events
- Using ordinal language when sequencing events and measuring short periods of time in simple ways
- Counting objects reliably
- Recognising numbers in different representations
- Exploring one more and one greater
- Exploring one fewer and one less
- Placing numbers in order
- Applying knowledge of numbers to ten to solve mathematical problems
- Using ordinal numbers 1st to 10th
- Adding two groups by counting on
- Exploring subtraction as taking away (reduction)
- Practising addition and subtraction
- Adding and subtracting zero
- Counting up to 15 objects and placing them in order
- Knowing what is one more and one fewer than a number within 15
- Using the 'guess and check' strategy for problem solving

Design and technology

We will be using our design skills to plan and create aeroplanes using different materials and methods of joining.

P.E. kit

Please make sure you return your child's PE kit to school and leave it on their peg so that it is always available.

Coats and wellies

Children should have a jumper or cardigan and coat in school every day! Please also make sure children have a hat and gloves, clearly labelled with their name, particularly on colder days.



**Class 2
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Reception
Newsletter**



**Thank you for your continued support,
Mrs Mason, Miss Hodgson and Mrs Carr.**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back and Happy New Year! We hope you have had a lovely Christmas break and are well rested ready for the start of another busy term! We would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for the lovely gifts we received — it was very thoughtful of you.

Topic

We have a focus on geography and history this half term. In history we will be finding out about significant individuals in early aviation. In geography we will be learning about cold places in our world, such as the polar regions, finding out about the animals that live there and how they survive in their harsh environment.

In art we will be making observational drawings of aircraft and experimenting with paint and texture in our winter trees pictures.

Phonics

We are well underway with our phonics journey as we continue with phase 3 phonics. This means we will be learning lots of new phonemes that are made up of 2 letters which make just 1 sound. For example the ee in green or oi in coin. We call these digraphs. We will also learn some trigraphs (3 letters which make 1 sound) such as the igh in night. Make sure you practice recognizing and writing the new graphemes every week. Practice makes perfect but it also makes permanent, so remember to form letters correctly, as bad habits can be hard to break!

Key Words

Please practice key words with your child for a few minutes every day. Let us know when you think they know them and we will check if they are ready for the next set. Recognising these words quickly will help build fluency in their reading.

Reading

Remember that listening to your child read regularly is key when it comes to developing their ability to recognize the graphemes and blend the sounds together to read words. Just 5 or 10 minutes a day really does make a massive difference to the progress they can make. Please also continue to read bed time stories regularly with your child, to develop a love of reading.

English

Our focus text for this half term is Naughty Bus by Jan and Jerry Oke. It is a fantastic story about a child's present and we will be using this as a focus for our English activities. We will also read books from other cultures such as The Polar Bear Son and Ponko and the South Pole. We will base some of our writing on our topic work, writing fact files about early aviators such as Amelia Earhart and Amy Johnson.