

Planning and Assessment Time

Mrs Pedro & Miss Cavanagh have their planning preparation and assessment time each Tuesday morning. During this time the children will attend their weekly Little Kickers session, a fun football skills class which gives the children the opportunity to practise their ball skills. Mrs Bootland, a highly skilled Early Years teacher, whom the children are very familiar with, will also work in Reception during Tuesday mornings. Our teachers are ably supported every day by Mrs Walton and Mrs Guyan, who are Key Workers in our Reception classes.

Useful Websites

You may find the following websites useful for your child:

www.dunstonhillprimary.org.uk
www.bbc.co.uk/schools
www.ictgames.co.uk
www.bbc.co.uk/scienceclips
www.topmarks.co.uk
www.cbbc.co.uk

Dates for the Diary

March

Thursday 2nd March	World Book Day
Tuesday 7th March	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 8th March	Parent consultations
Friday 24th March	Red Nose Day

Monday 10th April—Friday 21st April—Easter Holidays



If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact one of the Reception Team.

Curriculum Overview



Reception



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The Reception Team would like to wish a very happy new year to all Reception children and their families. This is our Curriculum Overview for the Spring term. It gives you an outline of what is happening in Reception and ways in which you can help your child and get involved with school life.



We are learning



Literacy:

This term we will be continuing our 'Read Write Inc'. Your child will revise the sounds that they already know and will be using their sound knowledge to read and write words. We will also be looking closely at writing labels, captions and simple sentences. We will be exploring texts linked to the interests shown by the children. This will allow the children to develop a good bank of story ideas, power words and different characters that they may go on to use in their imaginative play.

Maths

We are really impressed with your child's knowledge of number. We will now be exploring lots of different maths skills. We will be adding and taking away through lots of different practical activities, linked to the children's interests, to develop our estimating and counting skills further. We will also be exploring weighing and measuring, starting with a recipe to make the perfect play dough. In addition to this, we will look at some time and money activities... a lot to fit into this term!

Understanding the World

We provide opportunities to develop the children's understanding of different ways of life, occupations, family routines and traditions, as the opportunities arises through the interests they express. We will be using the news shared by your child about family, friends, pets, holidays and special places they have visited as a stimulus for further learning.

Expressive Arts & Design

During this term we will be further developing the children's confidence to express themselves through elaborate role play in groups with their friends. We will be encouraging them to think of ways to make purposeful models and pictures that they can use to support their role play, whilst exploring colours, materials and textures.



Our Curriculum



We believe that children are entitled to a diverse, challenging and effective curriculum that:

- *Responds to individual needs;*
- *Acknowledges their natural enthusiasm and their need to be active learners;*
- *Builds on previous experiences;*
- *Supports and develops their thinking and learning;*
- *Provides appropriate experiences and activities across all areas of learning and development.*

In reception we focus on the interests of the children and plan activities that promote active learning. Please update your child's 'Home learning journey' regularly as a primary way of keeping us updated about what your child is interested in at home. This will also enable you to be involved in their learning.

Supporting your Child at Home



Please continue to update your child's 'Home Learning Journey' and complete the weekly activities together. They love to share their work with their friends when they bring it back in to school and talk about what they have been doing. Your active involvement is much appreciated as always.

Your child will continue to bring a reading book home each week. Soon they will also be bringing home Ditty books to practise as the next step in our Read, Write, Inc lessons. Helping your child to read their books at home is invaluable towards their progress in reading and writing and building on their confidence with texts You can continue to record their progress and achievements in their reading diaries. In addition to their home reading books we will begin to send home simple words to practise their blending skills and fluency of reading.

Special Requests



- * Please bring your child to school ready for our 9am start and say goodbye at the Reception gate. This is the most important part of our day, when children make their dinner choices and find out what is happening during that day.
- * We love to be outdoors in all weather so please can you bring in a pair of wellies, with your child's name clearly marked, to remain in school throughout the year.
- * Please ensure that your child's name is in every piece of clothing to prevent items from getting lost, this includes their shirts, trousers and PE kit.
- * We collect a donation of **50p a week** for the Reception fund. This helps us to buy ingredients for play-doh, baking as well as exciting items for our role play.
- * Please send a water bottle with your child's name on to remain in school.

School Links



Your child's first year at school is exciting for you as well as your child. We operate an open-door policy for times when you may have questions or queries.

We would welcome any parents who would like to come in and read with some of our Reception children or who have Green Fingers and would enjoy working with groups of children in our outdoor area.

Please remember to take a look at our class page on the school website and our Facebook page. We will be updating it regularly with exciting photos of our busy days and news!

www.dunstonhillcps.co.uk