

## Planning and Assessment Time

Mrs Bootland will be working in Class RP on a Monday alongside Mrs Guyan and with both Reception classes on a Tuesday morning. The children are developing good relationships with all the staff and enjoy working with them.

The children will also continue to enjoy working with our Little Kickers Sport Staff who come in to school to develop their skills, linked to football and rugby, on a Tuesday morning.

## Useful Websites

You may find the following websites useful for your child:

[www.dunstonhillprimary.org.uk](http://www.dunstonhillprimary.org.uk)  
[www.bbc.co.uk/schools](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools)  
[www.ictgames.co.uk](http://www.ictgames.co.uk)  
[www.bbc.co.uk/scienceclips](http://www.bbc.co.uk/scienceclips)

## Dates for the Diary

### April

20th Start Summer Term

### May

1st May Day — School is closed

29th Half Term

### June

13th New Nursery Parent Induction Meetings (5pm)

19th Foundation Stage & Key Stage 1 Sports Day

28th New Reception Parent Induction Meetings (5pm)

### July

12th Reception transition morning to Year One

13th Report to parents

20th Last day of term



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

# Curriculum Overview



## Reception



# SUMMER TERM

## Supporting your Child at Home



Your support is always appreciated and at this important time of year, routines are key to your child's development. We would be very grateful if you could practise some routines with your child at home, such as: using a knife and fork to cut up their food independently.

Your child will continue with their own 'Home Learning Journey'. Please use this book with your child to tell us about what they have been doing at home through photographs or pictures.

Your child will also be receiving a reading challenge each week. Please enjoy sharing the fiction and non fiction texts with your child and use the key questions we provide as a basis for your book chat.

In addition to their reading books your child will also get a Read Write Inc. sticker with sounds and words for them to develop their sounding out and blending skills.

## Special Requests



- \* All children will need a water bottle and sun hat in school this term for the sunny days and will need to have sun cream applied before they come to school each morning.
- \* Please remember that children must have their reading record books and reading books in school everyday.
- \* All P.E. Kits need to be in school from the beginning of term and can stay in school until the half term holidays, when it can be taken home to be washed. The children will need some outdoor plimsolls for PE this term.
- \* Homework is given out at the beginning of the term and collected in at the end of the term.
- \* We collect a donation of 50p a week for the Reception Fund. This has enabled us to buy cooking ingredients, exciting resources, costumes for the role play areas and play dough materials.

## 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 those of you 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!

It is lovely to welcome in the summer term with our Reception children. They were full of the joys of their holidays and keen to share with us their Easter activities. We are now ready to go for a fresh new term.



## We are Learning



The children are well under way with the Reception school year and our daily routines and environments are well embedded. This allows us to further develop our learning, deepen our understanding of key concepts and begin to prepare for Year One.

### Literacy:

We are continuing with our Read Write Inc. programme. We will be reinforcing the sounds that the children have previously learnt and encouraging them to blend the sounds together to read and spell words on sight. We will also be introducing the first stage of books from the RWI programme called 'Ditty's' and storybooks RWI books.

The children are also developing their skills at sounding out words to write captions and short sentences independently. We always encourage the children to sound out words carefully and write the sounds that they can hear in order.

### Numeracy:

This term we will continue to develop our counting skills with 'Hey Numbers', ordering numbers to twenty and saying which number is one more or one less than a given number.

We will be further developing our addition and subtraction skills by recording these sums as number sentences, using a number line and using the correct vocabulary in practical activities.

We will also be developing our shape language by describing the properties of 2D and 3D shapes when we are using them to make repeated patterns and will have the opportunity to further develop their skills in measure by weighing different items



## Our Curriculum



We believe that our children are entitled to a diverse, challenging and effective curriculum that encourages active learning.

We are continuing to follow in the interests of the children and always try to plan activities that promote active learning, whilst developing their skills and knowledge.

The children are really making the most of the good weather and exploring our outdoor area as well as our school environmental area. We have taken this opportunity to explore lifecycles of frogs and butterflies and hope to find some mini beasts when we are playing and exploring in these areas.