

Parental Involvement

We have been really enjoying seeing the fabulous photos and videos that you have been sharing on Seesaw with us this term. It is so great to see how children are sharing their learning with you at home and all of the fun opportunities that they have outside of school. Please continue to keep sharing these so we can celebrate children's achievements in school.

We have been really impressed with just how much the children's reading has developed in such a short space of time. It really does make the world of difference when they practise their reading at home so please continue to do this as often as you can and record it in their reading diary.

With your support and communication with the teachers we are sure to have another brilliant term in Reception and we look forward to hearing from you if you have any queries or concerns.

Thank you
The Reception team.

Park Lane Primary School

Spring Term 1 2024

(January - February)

Early Years - Reception



Information for parents

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back! We hope you have all had a fabulous Christmas break and the children are excited for the upcoming year. We have got lots of exciting weekly themes coming up this term including joining in with the RSPB's Big School Birdwatch, finding out about Lunar New Year and exploring vehicles from the past. This booklet is to inform you of what your child will be learning this term. There are also some questions included to help your children to extend their learning at home.

Mathematics (M)

This term we will be continuing our learning on numbers up to 8. Children will be learning how to count, recognise and compose these numbers as well as developing their number bond knowledge to 5. E.g. 1 and 4 makes 5. We will also be exploring mass and capacity.

Can you weigh different objects around your house and order them from lightest to heaviest?

Literacy (L)

In Literacy this half term, we are going to be doing Drawing Club! This is a fantastic lesson filled with exciting vocabulary, lots of imagination and an opportunity for children to develop their drawing and writing skills. The focus will be writing short phrases and sentences, using phonics knowledge to sound out. We will be continuing with our phonics lessons, learning set one and two sounds as well as practising blending to read.

Can you draw a picture of a character from your favourite book and write a caption for it?

Personal, Social, Emotional Development (PSED)

During this term we will be learning about the importance of making good choices and being kind to those around us and the environment. We will be discussing the possible consequences that can result from our actions. We will also be learning why it is important to regularly clean our teeth and how to do this.

Can you write a list of good choices that you make at home such as tidying your room or helping with pets/siblings/cooking etc?

Communication and Language (CL)

This term we will be doing lots of speaking and listening activities as a whole class and in small groups. We will be sharing our ideas and thoughts during Circle Time. We will also be listening to a range of texts including stories, poetry and non-fiction to help develop our vocabulary.

Can you record yourself sharing your favourite toy/item from home and add it to Seesaw?

Physical Development (PD)

In PD we will be continuing to develop the children's fine and gross motor skills through a range of activities such as cutting, threading and drawing activities. We will also be completing a gymnastics unit, learning about moving in lots of different ways. These sessions will take place on a Thursday morning indoors. Please send your child to school in their sports clothes.

Can you practise your cutting skills at home to make a craft to share in school? You could bring it in or take a photo and add it to Seesaw.

Understanding the World (UTW)

In UTW we will be learning about our local area – the name of our road, school and town. We will be looking at points of interest in Whittlesey and visit St Mary's church. We will also be looking at different kinds of transport and how this has changed over the years.

Can you share with me your favourite place to visit in Whittlesey?

Expressive Arts and Design (EAD)

In EAD we will be learning some more nursery rhymes and songs including 'Early in the morning' and 'Row row row your boat.' We will also be discovering how to clap along to a rhythm at different paces. We will be finding out how to create collages using different textures and look at Henri Matisse's art, in particular 'The Snail'.

Can you learn a new nursery rhyme to share with us at school?