

Monday 26th April 2021

Curriculum Letter

Year group: Reception

Classes: Chestnut and Maple,

Teaching staff: Mrs Hassell, Miss Churchill, Miss Hackett, Mrs D.Robinson, Mrs L.Lamacraft and Mrs K.Sullivan

Dear Parents/Carers

This half term our topic is; 'Space'. We will also be looking at 'Minibeasts' during our Forest School Sessions. Below are the key skills and topics being covered through this topic and some ideas on how you can support your child's learning at home.

Thank you,

Reception Team

Our Core Values

Happiness: we spread joy to those around us.

Compassion: we care and are kind to all.

Respect: we treat others as we like to be treated.

Teamwork: we work well with everyone.

<p>Literacy Key Texts</p>	<p>Number and Number Pattern</p>	<p>Physical Development</p>	<p>Expressive Arts and Design</p>
<p><i>Alien's love</i> <i>Underpants</i> <i>Whatever Next</i></p> <p>We will be learning to; Write simple sentences independently. Write simple stories. Use our phonics knowledge in our writing. Read simple sentences independently. Retell stories we have read or heard.</p> <p>At home you could; Continue to read every day. Go on Bugclub regularly. Complete phonics homework weekly. Keep a weekend diary, writing simple sentences e.g. I went to the park. I went to the shops.</p>	<p>We will be learning to; Number bonds to 5 and 10. Numbers to 20. Odd and even numbers. Pattern and shape. Spatial reasoning</p> <p>At home you could; Use Athletics daily. Help your child automatically recall number bonds to 2, 3, 4, 5, & 10 and the corresponding subtraction facts, for example $3 + 2 = 5$ $5 - 3 = 2$. Practice the mental calculations on your child's Maths Passport Homework. Use wooden blocks/Shape construction to make different models/pictures.</p>	<p>We will be learning to; Form the letters of our name correctly. How to navigate space safely. To move in different ways; skipping, hopping, galloping.</p> <p>We have PE every other Wednesday. This half term we will be inside. All children should wear joggers/leggings, plain white t-shirt and black trainers every Wednesday.</p> <p>At home you could; Create your own obstacle courses to move around. Practice skipping, hopping and galloping around different objects. Visit local parks to practice skills. Practice forming letters correctly. Lots of opportunities to draw, paint, play with</p>	<p>We will be learning to; Experiment with colour changing, wax resist painting. Junk modelling; rocket/space craft making. Learning new songs and coming up with dance routines. Following a beat with instruments. Minibeast painting.</p> <p>At home you could; Allow plenty of opportunities to create art work; painting, model making, drawing, colouring. Learn new songs; maybe some of your favourite songs from your childhood.</p>

<p>Personal, Social and Emotional Development</p> <p>Our JIGSAW topic is; Relationships. We will also be learning about the basic rights of the child; food, water, play, education, shelter. We will be learning all about; identifying our thoughts and feelings and learn how to regulate our emotions and behaviours.</p> <p>At home you could; Talk about emotions when appropriate. I can see your feeling angry, can you explain why? What could you do to help yourself?</p>	<p>Communication and Language</p> <p>We are learning to; Speak clearly and confidently. Listen carefully to others and respond to what they say.</p> <p>At home you could; Ask your child to explain how they have completed activities. For example if they have made something using playdough or construction. Can you talk me through how you did that?</p>	<p>dough and cut to develop fine motor skills.</p>	<p>Understanding World</p> <p>We will be learning about; Ramadan ANZAC Day Minibeast and season change Our planet Space Keeping healthy</p> <p>At home you could; Talk about season change, go on walks in the woods to look for new life. Go on Minibeast hunts in your garden, parks or local woodland. Learn about the planet in the solar system. Read books about Space.</p>
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We hope you have as much fun at home as we will be having in class!



We would love to see any work you complete at home around our topic. Or if your child has or does visit a farm we would love to see some photos.

To share your child's work or experiences with us please email your child's class teacher.

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Maple-mapleclass@harefieldinfants.co.uk

Oak Class-oakclass@harefieldinfants.co.uk

Activity Money

In Reception we love to cook, taste new foods, watch plants grow and take part in messy play. Your Activity Money contributions really support us with providing exciting learning experiences for your child.

We kindly ask for voluntary contributions of £2.50 per half term. This can be given directly to your child's class teacher.

Thank you
Reception Team