



Curriculum Overview

Reception Spring Term 2023

Reception

Although we follow the children's lead below are some of the key aspects of a child's development that we would be encouraging through play.

Our focus this half term is 'The World' and 'Growing and life cycles'.

Personal, social and emotional development

We will be learning how to solve problems independently in our play.

We will be learning how to ask questions to find out more information.

We will be sharing our news, ensuring we have an awareness of the audience.

We will be learning how to be a good listener.

We will be continuing to learn how to look after our classroom environment and the garden space. We will be remembering our 'choose it, use it and put it away' rule.

Expressive arts and design

We will be using a variety of tools and techniques to create models and pictures.

We will be exploring colour and thinking carefully about what colours we need for our artwork.

We will be learning to adapt our work and choose resources carefully.

Understanding the world

We will be learning to use time when talking about our news from home. For example, talking about last week or the weekend.

We will be talking about our similarities and differences.

We will be using cameras to take photos of important things in the classroom. E.g. a model we have made.

Communication and language

We will be continuing to enjoy reading books and singing songs.

We will be learning how to be a good speaker and listener. We will be using our 'Rules for talk' to help us. Please see below for our rules for talk.

We will be learning to follow a familiar story with no props or pictures.

We will be continuing to create our own helicopter stories.

Supporting your child at home:

Support your child with learning to write their name and numbers.

Help your child to develop their muscle strength in their hands – use playdough, tweezers, elastic band boards or threading. These are all great for muscle strength.

Share a book at home and listen to your child read.

Physical development

We will be continuing to ensure we can after our belongings, including our bags, coats and jumpers/cardigans.

We will be using tools to make changes to materials. For example scissors to snip material.

We will be learning to throw and catch during PE.

We will be talking about how to keep our bodies healthy and how to stay safe when we exercise.

We will be learning about the importance of hand washing, drinking water and brushing our teeth.

Mathematics

We will be learning about the numbers 1 – 10 including number formation.

We will be learning about 3d shapes, their names and properties.

We will be learning about money and how to use it to pay for things like snack.

We will be learning about time and significant times in our day. E.g. Lunchtime.

Literacy

We will be learning letter sounds that make up the initial code and using these to read and write words.

We will be learning about how to write a sentence.

We will be learning how to hold a pencil correctly.

HISN Ground Rules for Talk

- Use **full sentences**
- I say, you say, we all say...
- Speak clearly
- Show me you are listening
- Eyes on me, tummy buttons facing me
- Use precise words

Key Information

Your child may come into school from 8.40am every day. They need to be in school by 8.55am. If your child arrives late you will need to go to the office to sign in via our Inventory system.

Please write your child's name in everything, including coats and shoes!

Please send your child to school with their book bag every day. It can help your child to identify their book bag quickly if there is a key ring on the outside.

Please send your child in with a named water bottle every day. Please fill bottles with water rather than juice.

WANTED: We love to get busy making in Reception and are currently low on junk modelling resources. Please send in any cardboard, tubes, envelopes and empty boxes for us to use in the classroom. NO NUTS PLEASE!



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Key Reception Information

In Reception we firmly believe that every child learns best through child-initiated play. These purposeful play experiences ensure each child can build important life skills such as curiosity, concentration, creativity, problem solving, widening their vocabulary and persistence.

We follow a play based curriculum that allows us to follow the children's lead and recognise every child will have a different starting point. The children gain independence and confidence and their natural curiosity is encouraged at all times.

The Reception children have access to the garden area all day, every day whatever the weather. We are teaching them to be independent when learning outside and this may mean at times they forget to put on an apron when using the mud kitchen. This is part of their learning and development and the mess will lessen as they get older.

Wanted:

We are running low on playdough ingredients. If you are happy to send in donations we need: flour, salt, oil and cream of tartar.

We also enjoy learning through sensory play and are in need of donations of: dry pasta, dry rice, dry lentils, dried chickpeas.

Thank you 😊

Welcome message...

We are very proud of all of the Reception children for their first term at school. We thought their part in our Christmas show was brilliant. We hope you enjoyed watching it together. We know how hard all of the children have worked throughout the Autumn term and it has been wonderful to get to know the children over the last term. We hope you all had a restful break and cannot wait to help your children learn even more during the Spring term. Thank you to all of our families for our continued support.