



Curriculum Letter for YR – Spring Term 1 2024

General Information

The children have really enjoyed their first term in Reception, and we look forward to a busy, fun packed Spring term! Thank you for the wonderful books that were donated as part of the '12 Books of Christmas', we are very excited to read them. Also, many thanks (in advance) for making the voluntary Spring term donation of £3 via *ParentPay*. This much needed fund enables our children to take part in regular messy play and cooking sessions, as well as help to pay for replacement items throughout the year, such as craft materials.

Curriculum

ZOOM... RB and RW are off to the moon! Our current topic is **Space Explorers**. We will be reading some brilliant books and taking part in a range of activities linked to them. Our core books are: '*Whatever Next!*', '*Look up!*' and '*Toys in Space*'. This half term, we are learning all about the solar system and will be using non-fiction texts to find out interesting space facts. The children will also explore this topic through art, creative tasks and role-play.

We would love you to join us for our story cafés based on the space-tastic book 'Whatever Next!'

We continue with our daily phonics sessions and the children will be using their phonic knowledge in a wide variety of writing activities.

We are also having a special focus week on traditional folktales. We will be having a drama workshop all about Anansi the Spider (letter emailed this week). We will also be walking to Enfield Town Library for a session with the librarian, about traditional folktales.

We have daily sessions using the Mathematics Mastery programme. This half term we will be looking at seasons and time. We will also be using ordinal language to sequence events. Then we move onto addition and subtraction within 10. We will also be having fun exploring the concept of measuring by completing tasks about weight, height and length.

Art and Music

In Art we will be making junk modelling rockets and using papier mâché to make planets. In Music we will be learning the solar system song and listening to '*The Planets*' by Holst. We will also learn some well-known rhymes such as 'Zoom, we're going to the moon'.

PE Days

Outdoor PE is timetabled for Fridays, all children must wear their PE kits to school.

Reading

Children will continue to bring home a library book each week to share with their families. They also have access to a phonics eBook, set every Friday. If you have any problems accessing the phonics books online, please speak to a member of the YR team.



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Homework

Homework is set each Friday on Tapestry and this is linked to the learning that has taken place during the school week. It will either be an activity set on BusyThings, or a task which we will send home in books bags.

Please give us a 'like' 👍 on Tapestry, it's always encouraging to know that you are reading our messages.

Key Dates

Anansi Folktale Workshop:	Tuesday 23 rd January
RB Enfield Library Visit:	Thursday 8 th February
RW Enfield Library Visit:	Thursday 1 st February
RW Story Café:	Monday 5 th February 3:00 p.m. main hall
RB Story Café:	Tuesday 6 th February 3:00 p.m. main hall
Half term:	12 th - 16 th February
INSET day:	Monday 19 th February
Start of Spring term 2:	Tuesday 20 th February