

Curriculum Letter for Reception – Spring 1 2026

General Information

The children have really enjoyed their first term in Reception, and we look forward to a busy, fun packed Spring term! 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

Topic: ZOOM... RB and RW are off to the moon! Our new 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'*.

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

Knowledge & Understanding of the World: 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. Each term we explore one of the four seasons, at the moment we are looking how our local environment changes during **Winter**.

We are really looking forward to our visit from Little City. This will provide a wonderful opportunity for role play in everyday scenarios.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development: Through circle times we will be learning why it is important to be a thoughtful and resilient active listener who can respond to instructions. We will be playing recall games such as 'Simon says' and 'Talking telephones' which shows the importance of listening carefully. We will also be playing games that need lots of instructions.

Literacy: We continue with our daily phonics sessions and the children will be using their phonic knowledge in a wide variety of writing activities linked to our space theme and core books.

Mathematics: This half term, we will be looking at numbers within 10. Our learning includes, counting numbers reliably, exploring one more and one fewer and ordering numbers. We are also exploring time and the seasons, days of the week and daily events as well as sequencing events in simple ways. Finally, we are exploring addition and subtraction within 10.

Expressive Art & Design: 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, zoom, zoom we're going to the moon'*.

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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 family. 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.

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 and Events

Little City workshops	Thursday 15 th January
RB Story Café	Friday 23 rd January 3 p.m. main hall
RW Story Café	Friday 30 th January 3 p.m. main hall
Children's Mental Health Week	Monday 9 th - Friday 13 th February
Safer Internet Day	Tuesday 10 th February
Half term	Monday 16 th - Friday 20 th February
Start of Spring term 2	Monday 23 rd February
Trip to Enfield library	TBC