

Reception Curriculum letter

Michaelmas Term 2019



Welcome to Reception, we hope you have had a wonderful summer and are as excited as us about your child's first year at school!

Curriculum

This term in Reception our main topics are **Explorers** and **Building and Construction**.

The Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum is outlined below. There are the three Prime Areas and four Specific Areas.

The Characteristics of Effective Learning (COEL) - 'Playing and Exploring', 'Active Learning' and 'Creating and Thinking Critically' are also vital tools of learning.

<p>PRIME AREA Personal, Social and Emotional Development</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Activities to encourage settling in and understanding the new routine of the day, independence, concentration, confidence and social skills (sharing and turn-taking)• Circle Time (SEAL)• Learning and understanding the six Golden Rules
<p>PRIME AREA Communication and Language</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Development of speaking and listening skills• Understanding• Following simple instructions• Circle Time (SEAL)• Phonics – speech sounds
<p>PRIME AREA Physical Development</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PE curriculum - multiskills• The use of small and large equipment to develop both fine and gross motor skills• Health and self-care• Write Dance
<p>SPECIFIC AREA Literacy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Development of sound and letter recognition• Development of letter formation• Development of early reading skills through individual and whole class activities• Development of knowledge of Common Exception words• Opportunities to practise emergent writing• Write Dance

<p style="text-align: center;">SPECIFIC AREA Understanding the World</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holidays and journeys • Forest School • Daily school routine • Seasons and Autumn • Computing • RS including multicultural traditions and celebrations • Apple Orchard visit
<p style="text-align: center;">SPECIFIC AREA Expressive Arts and Design</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Painting and colour mixing, printing, collage, clay modelling and general media exploration. • Dance and Drama Themes • Role play areas • Music
<p style="text-align: center;">SPECIFIC AREA Mathematics.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of mathematical and positional language • Recognition of 2D and 3D shapes • Recognising, ordering, accurate 'touch' counting and writing of numbers one to twenty
<p>Reception Class Teachers - Miss. L. Knight Teaching Assistant – Mrs C Stanley</p>	

More detailed weekly Literacy and Numeracy objectives are also available in Reception and on our website page. We will also develop the children's own personal interests through ongoing observations and child initiated play.

General Information

- Please take note of our **Proud Clouds** so that we can celebrate your child's achievements at home. You will find these in the cloakroom.

Homework will be sent home each day except Wednesdays. An **optional** activity linked to either our literacy or numeracy lessons may also be sent home for the weekend.

*Please note during the first week of term there will be **no** reading homework as we will be spending this time building relationships with the children.*

Parent-Teacher meetings to discuss how your child has settled will take place on Monday 16th September, a sheet to sign up for an appointment will be available in your child's classroom.

However, our door is always open so please do come and discuss what your child has been doing in school, as we know they are often reluctant to share information!

Clothing



Please ensure your child has the appropriate named clothing for playtimes, forest school and other outdoor activities. We go out in **ALL** weathers!

Forest School will take place every Friday, all children to wear suitable clothing



PE kit should be worn every Monday: shorts to be worn underneath tracksuit trousers, school shoes to be worn to school and all children to leave their daps/trainers in school at all times please



All further information including dates and times can be found in the school diary and weekly Pelican News.

***First Reception trip** to Charlton Apple Orchard will take place on Wednesday 11th September -further detail of this visit to follow.