Welcome Back Year R

Welcome back to Term 2!

Hello to all our families, it has been a pleasure being a journey with your children as they grow and develop each day socially, emotionally and academically during term one. This term we will be building upon the foundations that the children have laid in term one and we will be working together to help them challenge themselves in every aspect of their learning!
This will culminate in our end of term Christmas extravaganza show!



Regarding the tickets for our Christmas extravaganza show! Don't panic –ticket info will be coming out this term. Keep an eye on parent mail and social media for all of the details, we cannot wait to see you there to celebrate your children's hard work and enjoy some festive fun!

Year R Learning Letter Term 2

Term 2 Focus: Language

In Reception communication, language development is crucial as it lays the foundations for the child's overall learning journey. Effective communication skills enable children to express their thoughts, feelings and needs which foster meaningful connections with peers and adults. From an early age, children engage in back-and-forth interactions, which are vital for developing their spoken language and cognitive abilities. These exchanges help them to grasp the nuances of conversation, such as turn taking and listening skills.
The development of spoken language underpins all seven areas of learning and development, making it a prime area of focus. Through activities like storytelling, role playing and singing children enhance their vocabulary and comprehension skills. They learn to articulate their ideas and ask questions, all of which contribute to their critical thinking and problem-solving abilities.
In essence, nurturing communication and language skills in Reception is not just about teaching words: it's about fostering connections and building the confidence required for lifelong learning. By supporting these interactions, we set the stage for children to thrive in all aspects of their education.

Phonics – RWI

During Term 2, children will revisit Set 1 sounds and continue to learn and embed Special Friend sounds, including **sh, qu, th, ng** and **nk**. They will practise saying sounds and orally blending them to read words. Learning will be supported through a daily RWI phonics lesson and phonics opportunities throughout the day to build confidence and fluency.

Maths

This term, we will continue our subitising journey, helping children recognise small quantities at a glance. We will also explore the properties of circles through the colourful artwork of Kandinsky and begin introducing ten frames to support number understanding. It promises to be a fun-filled term of shape and number exploration!

Drawing Club

In Drawing Club, we will immerse ourselves in a collection of exciting, enchanting and inspiring stories that spark imagination and creativity. Children will explore the magical world of *Room on the Broom*, the delightful adventures of *Poppy and the Blooms*, the mysterious *What's in the Witch's Kitchen?*, the captivating *Dark, Dark Tale*, the hilarious *Oi Frog!* and the heartwarming *Stick Man*. These engaging texts will inspire children to develop their storytelling, drawing and communication skills in fun and meaningful ways.