

Welcome back

Hello to all our families, it has been a pleasure watching your children 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 previously in term one and watch them be challenge themselves in every aspect of their learning. This will culminate in our end of term Christmas Extravaganza Show!



In regards to 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 the details, we can't wait to see you there to celebrate all of the children's hard work and enjoy the festive fun!

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Learning Letter

Term 2

Term 2 Focus-

Communication and Language.

In Reception, communication and language development is crucial as it lays the groundwork for children's overall learning journey. Effective communication skills enable children to express their thoughts, feelings, and needs, fostering 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 (Read Write Inc)

We will continue to revisit and review the set 1 sounds we have already learnt and explore how some sounds can be put together to make a new sound (sh, ch, th, ng, nk) these are our special friends.

Orally, the children will continue to say our sounds learnt and help Fred to blend them to form words. Once the children have secured the sounds they will then aim to break down and read green words which will combine blending and



Maths

This term, we're excited to continue our subitising journey, which is all about recognising small quantities at a glance – it's like a magic trick! We'll also dive into the properties of a circle, using the fabulous artwork of Kandinsky to enhance our understanding and when the time is right, we'll start exploring tens frames. It's going to be a fun-filled exploration of shapes and numbers!

Drawing Club

In Drawing Club, we're diving into a delightful mix of stories that spark imagination and creativity! We'll explore the enchanting world of Room on the Broom where friendship takes flight and take a peek inside What's in the Witch's Kitchen? Don't forget the classic Hansel and Gretel, with its sweet temptation and the playful adventures of Stick Man. We'll also enjoy Oi Frog, Poppy and the Blooms and the wonderfully eerie A Dark, Dark Tale. Through these stories, we'll have a blast with mark making, maths, and making conversation. Let's get drawing!