

Reception Newsletter



Spring 1



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Dear Families,

We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and a great start to the New Year. We hope you are looking forward to beginning the Spring term with lots of fun learning in-store.

Our learning theme for this term is **space**. We will enjoy learning about stars and planets alongside rockets, space stations, and astronauts. We will use ambitious vocabulary in our learning, including words such as 'atmosphere', 'gravity', and 'solar system'. We will also be exploring artists, such as the composer Holst and painter Jackson Pollock, and how their work can inspire our exploration of **space**.



Our work in Maths this half-term will build upon the skills developed last term. Our mathematical themes will be comparison, composition, shape and measures.

We will continue to embed our knowledge of Phase 2 Phonics this half-term and will also learn new Phase 3 phonics. In addition, we will be learning new graphemes and tricky words, as well as practising the skills of oral blending, word reading and spelling.

This half-term, our Literacy learning focuses on writing our own adapted stories and non-fiction texts. In addition, children will use their increased phonics knowledge to support and build confidence in their writing. Our key text will be 'How to Catch a Star' by Oliver Jeffers.



Please make sure you regularly check Tapestry to see the latest learning updates within Reception and how you can support your child at home. As well as this, please ensure you upload any learning that takes place outside school. We value all learning!

The Reception Team

Important Dates

Thurs 19th Jan - American food day (hot dinners)

Wed 8-Feb- Parents Eve

Thurs 9-Feb - Parents Eve

w/c 13-Feb Half-Term

Home Learning

Weekly homework is set every **Friday** via Tapestry and is due back by the following **Thursday**.

Weekly homework includes:

Reading - please note your child's reading within their reading records.



An activity related to our current learning, **Literacy** and/or **Maths**.



Home Reading Challenge



Children who have 25+ reads noted in their reading records over the half-term will receive a book mark reward. The child with the highest number of reads from each class will receive a star reader badge.



PE

This half term we will be focusing on moving in different ways with balance and control. PE will be on a **Thursday** and your child needs to come to school in their PE kit.



Please visit our website for more information. <https://www.raleighinfant.co.uk/>