

Reception Newsletter



Spring 1



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, space exploration and more! We will use ambitious vocabulary in our learning, including words such as: 'atmosphere,' 'gravity,' and 'solar system.' We will also explore artists, such as the composer Holst and painter Jackson Pollock, and how their work can inspire our learning about space.



Our work in **maths** this half-term will build upon the skills we developed last term. Our key mathematical learning themes will include developing our subitising skills, matching and ordering numerals, exploring the composition of numbers, and comparing amounts.

We will continue to embed our knowledge of Phase 2 Phonics this half-term and will also learn new **Phase 3 Phonics**. 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 adapted stories and non-fiction texts. Children will use their increased phonics knowledge to support and build confidence in writing independently. 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. Please make sure you upload any learning that takes place outside of school - we value all learning!

The Reception Team

Important Dates

Tue 23 Jan 2024—Parents Evening

Wed 24 Jan 2024—Parents Evening

Thur 15 Feb 2024—Rock Kidz

Fri 16 Feb 2024—Last day of 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.

Home Reading Challenge



For every **25 reads** noted in children's reading records, children will receive a **book mark reward!** Please note **all** reading—including reading for pleasure, as well as reading for phonics!

PE

This half term we will be focusing on the fundamentals, including 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.



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