

# Spring 2025 – Curriculum News

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We hope you had a wonderful Christmas break and the children managed to get some well-deserved rest! We have had a fantastic start back in Reception and we are looking forward to another exciting term ahead. This term we will continue to base our learning around our key text each week. We have a wide range of texts to explore through our structured story sessions and play based activities. We will continue to take part in a range of engaging cross-curricular learning to support and enhance our understanding.

## Phonics

Children will continue to develop their phonic skills through daily phonic sessions. We have more digraphs to learn and we will be practising and consolidating our phonic skills by reading and writing words using the phonemes and digraphs we have learnt. We will be developing our skills by reading and writing simple captions and sentences and children will be learning to use finger spaces, full stops and capital letters. We are working hard on using the correct letter formation for each grapheme.

## Tricky Words

We will be learning to read and write more tricky words. Your child might bring home a 'tricky word trellis'. Please support your child by practising reading the words and when your child is confident to read all of the words on the trellis please bring it back into school and prizes can be won!

## Reading

We will continue to read with your child three times a week through guided group reading. Please ensure your child has their reading log and book in school every Monday as this is when we will collect in books and then send them home again on a Wednesday. Don't forget to record in the reading log every time you hear your child read. To become a 'Reading Champion' your child must read at least three times at home.

## Rainbow Challenges

These are additional challenges that you might like to complete with your child at home to support their learning this term.

**Design and make your own puppet.**

**Research an artist and create a painting in the style of the artist.**

**Take photographs of your local area and bring them in to show your friends.**

**Share a story with a family member and draw a picture of your favourite part of the book.**

## Maths

Children will continue to have a daily session of maths teaching. Please support your child with recognising numerals up to 10 then beyond to 20. Activities that you could engage in with your child include;

- Counting objects accurately.
- Predicting how many objects there are before counting them.
- Playing board games that involve counting.
- Playing card games such as snap or matching pairs with cards with numbers on.

## PE

PE is on a Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Please make sure your child comes to school dressed in their PE kit and appropriate footwear (trainers not plimsolls). Long hair must be tied up and earrings need to be removed for safety reasons. If a child is wearing earrings they will not be allowed to take part.

## Reception Staff

### Australia Class

**Mrs Norman**

Class teacher W, Th, F

**Mrs Harden**

Class teacher M, Tu, Th, F

### Brazil Class

**Miss Ogg**

Class teacher

### Chile Class

**Mrs Laflin**

Class teacher W, Th, F

**Mrs Newson**

Class teacher M & Tu

Early Years Practitioners

**Mrs Whelan, Mrs Langston,**

**Mrs Taylor Brown and Mrs Payne**

## Outdoor Learning

Everyday the children will take part in outdoor learning. Your child will need a pair of named wellies to keep in school please as we aim to go out in all weather!



## Snack

We provide a healthy snack of fruit and vegetables twice a day at school. If you'd like to provide your child with their own snacks, please only send fruit, vegetables, cheese or plain crackers.

