



Reception Class Curriculum Letter- Spring Term

Please see below an overview of the term and we have included ideas of how you can support your children with their learning at home.

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Area of learning	Curriculum	How you can support learning at home
Religious Education	<p>Spring 1 – Galilee to Jerusalem:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Wise Men visited Jesus</i> • <i>The Wise Men gave Jesus gifts</i> • <i>Jesus welcomes everyone</i> • <i>Jesus takes care of everyone</i> • <i>Jesus wants us to care for other people</i> • <i>Jesus teaches us that we should share what we have with others</i> <p>Spring 2 – Desert to Garden</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>We care for others in Lent</i> • <i>Lent is a time to grow closer to Jesus</i> • <i>Lent is a time to grow in Love for others</i> • <i>Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey</i> • <i>Jesus died on a cross</i> • <i>Jesus rose and everyone celebrates</i> 	<p>Talk about how God chose to let people all over the world know about the birth of the Baby Jesus. This is because God made and loves everyone – all over the world. Explain that God sent his son Jesus into the world for everyone and that we, like God, should be kind and welcoming to everyone.</p> <p>Help your child to understand that they are very special to Jesus and that He wants them all to come to Him and talk to Him. Tell your child that talking to Jesus is called praying and that they can do this at any time and in any place. Spend some time together as a family, talking to Jesus.</p> <p>During the Church’s season of Lent, we get ready for Easter. We try to think about others and show love and care for them. We try to grow closer to Jesus by spending time talking to Him more in prayer. Discuss with your child ways in which your family can show love for others and grow closer to Jesus during this season.</p>
Personal, Social and Emotional Development <p>To access the TenTen online Parent Portal, please visit: www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal</p> <p>School Username: HolyFamilyADD</p> <p>School Password: KT15~~1BP</p>	<p>During the Spring term we will support children to: Show confidence in trying new challenges; resolve minor conflicts; show empathy; take responsibility for small tasks.</p> <p>We will also teach children how to know and talk about the different factors that support their overall health and wellbeing, including online safety.</p>	<p>As your child continues to grow and mature, we ask that you support them to continue to develop their independent, self-help and self-care skills. For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dressing and undressing • Cutting their own food, using a knife and fork, feeding themselves, pouring their own drinks, drinking from an open cup • Making healthy food choices • Washing themselves

	<p>We use the <i>Ten Ten, Life to the Full</i> curriculum to support teaching & learning of PSED. The units for this term are as follows:</p> <p>Unit 1: Religious Understanding – <i>Role Model</i></p> <p>Unit 2: Personal Relationships – <i>Who’s who; You’ve got a friend in me; Forever friends</i></p> <p>Unit 3: Life Online – <i>What is the internet? Playing Online</i></p> <p>Unit 4: Keeping Safe – <i>Safe inside and out; My body, my rules; Feeling poorly; People who help us</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carrying their own bag to and from school • Developing responsibility for their own belongings, especially for school. Use a checklist for your child to ensure they have everything they need for the day e.g. bag, water bottle, coat • Tidying away their toys and tidying up an activity before starting something new • Limited screen time • A good bedtime routine and adequate sleep
Communication and Language	<p>During the Spring term we will support children to:</p> <p>Extend their vocabulary linked to stories and topics; retell stories; ask questions to find out more; use talk to explain ideas and events.</p> <p>We will also work on using multi-step instructions in play, through the use of visual support, games, action songs and chants.</p> <p>Adults will spend time modelling extended sentences for children to copy. We will also extend the use of partner talk to continue to develop back-and-forth conversation skills, the understanding and use of questions and answers and the use of full sentences.</p>	<p>Encourage the use of full sentences, rather than one- or two-word answers to questions. Model this for your child e.g. <i>parent: “how was your day?” Child: “good”. Parent models for child to repeat: “It was good thank you.”</i></p> <p>If your child asks for something, e.g. a snack, insist that they ask you using a full sentence e.g. <i>“Please can I have a snack?”</i></p> <p>Continue to share a rich variety of stories and poems to support vocabulary development. Explain any new or unfamiliar words you come across in stories.</p> <p>Play language games, action games, sing songs and chants, including nonsense poems!</p>
Physical Development	<p>During the Spring term our PE lessons and Physical Development activities will enable children to:</p> <p>Progress towards a more fluent style of moving, with developing control and grace; develop overall body strength, co-ordination, balance and agility.</p> <p>We will also support children to further develop and refine a range of ball skills including: throwing, catching, kicking, passing, batting, and aiming.</p>	<p>Ensure your child has regular access to a range of physical activities such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Running, climbing, jumping, balancing • Scooting, cycling (trikes and balance bikes, progressing to 2-wheeled pedal bikes) • Negotiating space, changing direction • Rolling, kicking, throwing and catching • Heavy work, such as carrying bags and hanging from equipment

	<p>Fine motor activities will support children to develop correct tripod grip and letter formation and use equipment with control.</p>	<p>Please also include access to fine motor activities such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark making using chalks, pencils, paintbrushes etc. • Pinching, rolling, cutting, squeezing etc. using play-dough • Cutting with scissors • Using equipment to strengthen fingers such as lego, tweezers, pegs
<p>Literacy</p>	<p>Our topic for the first half term of Spring is 'Once Upon a Time', where we will be learning about some traditional tales. During the second half of the term our topic will be 'Growing', where we will use popular stories to support our learning.</p> <p>Comprehension:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children will act out stories using recently introduced vocabulary • Children will talk about the characters in the books they are reading. <p>Word Reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children will recognise taught digraphs in words and blend the sounds together • Children will read words containing tricky words and digraphs. <p>Writing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children will write words representing the sounds with a letter/letter • Children will write labels/[phrases representing the sounds with a letter/letter. <p>Little Wandle Phonics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase 3 graphemes - ai ee igh oa oo ar or ur ow oi ear air er • Words with double letters • Longer words • Tricky words - put pull full as and has his her go no to into she push he of we me be 	<p>A rich and varied diet of books is invaluable to children's development in so many ways, so:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read, read, read! • Don't forget the importance of bedtime stories, favourite stories and visits to the library. • Read that favourite story for the hundredth time! • Talk about the pictures, the characters, what might happen next • Use funny voices for your child to copy • Encourage your child to join in • Point out the sounds or words they've been learning in phonics • Ask your child to hold the book and turn the pages themselves • Ask your child to move their finger under the words as you read them and stop reading if they're not moving their finger! • Make sure your child knows that you read and enjoy books yourself, • Support your child to read the Little Wandle books and practise any word cards that are sent home • Show your child that you write for a purpose at home – write a letter, card or shopping list by hand and encourage them to do the same.
<p>Maths</p>	<p>Power Maths</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Numbers to 10 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play number games and puzzles

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Understanding the World	<p>During the Spring Term children will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore animal life cycles and growth • Learn about animals and habitats around the world • Learn about people who help us • Compare past and present • Observe weather and materials • Learn about seasonal changes 	<p>To support your child's learning in this area you could:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit your local area and go on walks in nature, spotting plants animals and seasonal changes • Regularly discuss the weather • Plant some seeds and observe their growth • Read books about animals, habitats, the wider world, people who help us and what it was like in the past • Explore different materials and experiment with things such as floating and sinking, freezing and melting
Expressive Arts and Design	<p>During the Spring Term children will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experiment with printing, collage and model-making • Move to music • Develop storylines in play • Use props for storytelling. 	<p>To support your child's learning in this area you could:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have a variety of paper, craft and mark-making tools and equipment available at home for your child to use • Draw, build, paint and create together • Listen to different genres of music and encourage dancing and movement, as well as discussion about the music • Act out favourite stories together • Role-play together, using props.