

Reception Newsletter

Spring term 1

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas break! It certainly went fast! We are excited to be back and looking forward to our new topics this half term.

Our Learning

This half term our topics are Winter and Amazing Animals!

We will be finding out about the seasons and the changes we see throughout the year in our environment. We will then be exploring different animals and their habitats, discussing similarities and differences.

In Phonics we will be continuing to learn set 1 and 2 sounds and ditties. We will also be sending home reading books to children who have reached the reading level.



In Maths we are consolidating our knowledge of numbers to 10.

PE

PE will continue to be every Wednesday morning for both Reception classes. Please ensure that children are wearing the appropriate kit and that earrings are removed or covered with a plaster (this must be done at home).

This half term we will be studying Dance in our PE lessons.



Warm Clothing

As part of our COVID-19 risk assessment we need to ensure adequate ventilation within classrooms. This means that doors and windows will remain open. Please ensure that children are wearing enough layers to stay warm e.g. vest, t-shirt, school jumper. As the weather turns colder please could children also have warm coats, hats and gloves in school for when we are outside.



Attendance

Please ensure that you are on time when bringing your child to school. The gates close at 8.50am so any arrival after this time is classed as late. We are already experiencing a number of lates! This can be very distressing for the children and can also mean that they miss out on their adult group time. The times for Reception are as follows:

Arrive 8.45am

Pick up 3.15pm



Snack and School Dinners

During snack time ALL children are provided with a healthy snack so they do not need to bring a snack from home.

Please ensure that children have a named water bottle in school every day.

The school dinner menu for the new term can be found on Tapestry and on the school website:

www.fairsteadprimaryschool.co.uk/school-dinners/

Home Learning

Please continue to read regularly with your child and practise saying, reading and writing the Read, Write, Inc sounds attached below.

We have noticed that many children are struggling to count to 10 so please take every opportunity to do this at home- simple things like counting the stairs, counting 10 chips on a plate, counting how many toys they have etc will all help their development of number skills!



Thank you for your continued support!

The Reception Team

My Sound Mat

								
Maisey mountain mountain	Around the apple, down the leaf	Slither down the snake	Round his bottom, up his tall neck and down to his feet	Down the tower, across the tower	Down the body, dot for the head	Down Nobby and over his net	Down the plait and over the pirate's face	Round her face, down her hair and give her a curl
								
All around the orange	Curl around the caterpillar	Down the kangaroos body, tail and leg	Down and under, up to the top and draw a puddle	Down the laces, to heel, round the toe	Down the stem and draw the leaves	Lift off the top and scoop out the egg	Down the long leg	Down the head, to the hooves and over his back
								
Down his back, then curl over his arm	Down the body, curl and dot	Down a wing, up a wing	Down a horn, up a horn and under his head	Down up, down up	Zig-zag-zig	Round her head, up past her earrings and down her hair	Down the arm and leg, repeat the other side	