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Reception-EYFS CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER SPRING TERM 1 2025 All About Castles

Dear Parents/Carers, Please find below the units that your child will be learning this half term.

Prime Areas

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- To independently manage to fasten a zipper • on a coat.
- To begin to work as a group with support from adults.
- To take turns during group work and when • playing games together
- To maintain their focus during longer whole • class input sessions.
- To reflect on the roles and responsibilities they have at home and school.

Literacy Reading

Phonics- Children will be learning to read and write using the systematic phonics

programme-Read Write Inc. Comprehension

- To role play and act out stories that they have heard.
- To begin to understand the sequence of a story, identifying the beginning, middle and end

Word reading

- To recognise all taught Set 1 single • sounds and some Set 2 sounds
- To blend sounds in 3 & 4 letter words
- To read simple phrases and simple . sentences using taught sounds.
- To read tricky irregular words/HFW
- To read books matching their phonics ability.

Writing

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Reading 🕷

Children will focus on:

- Jam tart Instructions .
- Medieval Banquet invitation
- Letter to King Charles

Brunel

University London

Physical Development

Fundamental Movement Skills Children will develop their fundamental movement skills through the topic of 'all about me'. Fundamental skills will include balancing, running, changing direction, jumping, hopping and travelling. Children will develop gross motor skills through a range of activities. They will learn how to stay safe using space, follow rules and instructions and work independently and with a partner.

Specific Areas

Mathematics

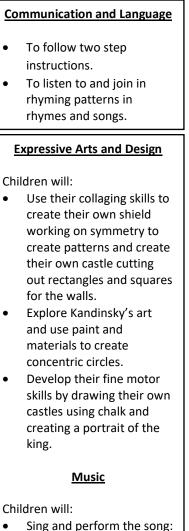
We follow White Rose maths. Spring 1 overview and content covered is shown below.

Spring 1			
Week 1	Reviewing gap/s found in assessments 6, 7, 8 [Compare mass 2]		
Week 2	6, 7, 8		
Week 3	Making pairs		
Week 4	Combining 2 groups		
Week 5	Volume and capacity		
Week 6	Assessment Week		

Understanding the World

Children will:

- develop an understanding of what a castle is and where we find castles
- learn who lives in a castle and the roles and responsibilities they have
- compare castles from the past and present
- compare castles from around the world
- identify the Royal Family
- identify and sort materials
- sort magnetic and non-magnetic materials and record their results



- **Giving Sadaqah**
- Create sounds and movement to accompany















Computing	<u>RE</u>	MFL		
 <u>Children will focus on:</u> <u>Computing systems:</u> Basics of computers navigating the mouse opening and closing programs recognise letter keys on a keyboard use paint to create simple drawings using basic tools 	In reception the children will be learning about the importance of one family one ummah. They will learn about the importance of a mother and father in Islam. They will explore different ways to show love for the community and how that love can spread nationally and throughout the world. In the end they will learn the nasheed 'One Ummah One Family' with actions decided by them.	Letters ن ر س ش: The focus in Spring Term will move on to the next 4 letters in the Arabic alphabet after having completed the first 9 letters in Autumn Term. Children will learn how to articulate each letter whilst also learning how to write them using writing strategies. Each letter will be learnt with the three core phonetical sounds in the Arabic language; Fat-hah, Dhammah, and Kasrah		
Digital literacy: Staying safe online: • importance of privacy • keeping your passwords safe • not talking to strangers				
Additional Information				

Our learning for the first half of the Spring term will be through the topic 'All About Castles'.

Learning Behaviours- What key characteristics do we want our children to develop? Independence, Caring, Creative, Resilient and Critical Thinkers

Key events:

Parent workshop: Phonics and Reading in EYFS- Wednesday 15th January 2025 Little Musketeers Workshop- Thursday 16th January 2025 EYFS Medieval Banquet-Friday 24th January 2025 EYFS Early Writing in EYFS- Wednesday 5th February 2025

Reading books: Children will be listened to and have their reading books changed every Thursday. Please ensure that children have their reading books in their bags everyday so they can read them whenever they choose to. Library books: Children will be taking home a library book every Wednesday. Please ensure your child has their library book in their bag every day.

PE: All classes have PE on a Thursday and Friday. Please ensure all children come to school dressed in the full correct PE kit.

We hope you find this information useful and that you are able to use it to support your child's learning at home.

Yours faithfully,

EYFS Team

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