



# The Whartons Primary School

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## Reception Curriculum Information Spring 2

### **The Early Years Team:**

Mrs Parkinson (teacher, works Monday-Wednesday); Mrs Manderville (teacher, works Thursday-Friday);  
Mrs Rockliff (teaching assistant, works Mon- Wed); Miss Wilkinson (teaching assistant, works Thurs- Fri).

We hope that you have had a lovely Half Term holiday. Can you believe that we are halfway through the academic year? Time has flown by. The children are progressing amazingly and thanks to your great support the children are really blossoming. They are growing in independence and are even beginning to see themselves as writers! Please encourage any “have a go” writing at home and send it into school so we can give lots of praise too!

Here is an outline of some of the things that we will be covering with the children this half term. We will, of course, be allowing the children to lead much of their learning by following their interests.

Subject	Coverage	What you can do to help
English:	<p><b>Phonics phase 3</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Learning digraphs and trigraphs: <b>oa, oo, ar, or, ur, oi, ear, ow, air, ure, er</b></li> <li>Reading and writing cvc words, captions and sentences</li> <li>Phase 3 tricky words: <b>we, are, you, all, was, give, live</b></li> </ul> <p>Examples of writing for a purpose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Writing a treasure hunt clue.</li> <li>- Making maps with labels.</li> </ul> <p><u>Class books:</u> Fiction and non-fiction books about caring for our planet; traditional and multi-cultural tales.  <i>Rosie's Walk, Coming to England, Mr Grumpy's Outing, The Hundred Decker Bus, Emma Jane's Aeroplane, Mrs Armitage on Wheels, Where's the Starfish?</i></p>	<p>Daily reading with your child's home reading book.</p> <p>Practise reading tricky words by sight from the tricky word sheets (then later practise spelling them).</p> <p>Read stories to your child and chat about the book. Ask them what an author and illustrator do.</p> <p>Practise the phonic sounds that we send home in your child's book bag.</p> <p>Encourage your child to have a go at writing sentences. Send any writing they do to show us. We love to see their hard work!</p>
Maths:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Length, Height, Time</li> <li>Numbers 9 and 10</li> <li>Number bonds of numbers up to 10</li> <li>Ordering numbers to 10</li> <li>Comparing quantities</li> <li>Say how many more are needed to reach a total using a tens frame</li> <li>3D shapes</li> </ul>	<p>Continue to encourage your child to count in a range of contexts like counting cars that pass by, steps they take etc.</p> <p>Play games where they add up points in ones and twos.</p> <p>If possible, let them help you with baking. Let them have a go at weighing ingredients and counting spoonfuls etc.</p>
Theme:	<p>This term, we will look at topics linked to transport and our wonderful World.</p> <p>We will look at boats, cars, buses, trains and aeroplanes. We will compare old and new vehicles; design our own vehicles; look at and recreate maps; experiment with floating and sinking.</p> <p>We will also think about our wonderful World, keeping it clean and the problem of plastic in our ocean.</p>	<p>Have you any pirate stories you could read with your child at home? Can they make you a map to find some treasure?</p> <p>Can you talk to your child about any recycling you do at home? Why do we do this?</p>





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RE	What can we see in our wonderful world? Christians beliefs about Easter and how it is celebrated.	Notice signs of spring. Point out changes in the environment that they might not have noticed e.g. buds on trees, the days getting longer, new flowers growing.
PSED	Healthy me	Talk to your child about what sports /activities they do that help keep them healthy. Notice how we feel when we've done exercise.

## Safety

If someone different is coming to pick up your child from school, please let a member of staff know in advance, otherwise we won't be able to send your child home with them.

## Reading and Parent helpers

If you would like to come into school to help with reading in Reception at all, please see Mrs Parkinson or Mrs Manderville, or contact the office. We will need you to fill in a form to do a DBS check before you can come in to help. We find that regular reading with an adult really helps the children to make great progress and your time will be greatly appreciated.

Please hear your child read often at home. Even just a couple of pages or 5 minutes a day can really help develop their confidence and fluency. Please sign the reading record then we know they need a new book.

## Milk

As soon as your child has their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday, their free school milk stops. Your child can only continue having milk if you set up payment for it. You can register here <https://www.coolmilk.com/parents/>. If you do not wish for your child to have this milk, please explain this to your child so that they are not disappointed when we hand out the milk at school.

## Clothing

The days are getting a bit longer and we will hopefully see some more sunshine this half term, but it's still pretty cold and muddy outside so please continue to send the children in warm/waterproof coats, hats, gloves etc.

## DT Resources

Please can we have your boxes, yoghurt pots, plastic containers, bottle tops, lids etc.

Rather than throwing it away or recycling it can we have it please? The Creative area is very popular and we need your help to keep it well stocked. It's also a good way to demonstrate recycling.

If there is anything else you wish to know, then please come and speak to a member of the Reception team at any time.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Parkinson and Mrs Manderville



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