



The Whartons Primary School

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Reception Curriculum Information Spring 2

The Early Years Team:

Ms Matthews (teacher, works Monday-Wednesday); Mrs Manderville (teacher, works Thursday-Friday); Mrs Rockliff (teaching assistant, works Monday- Wednesday); Miss Wilkinson (teaching assistant, works Thursday- Friday). Miss Duncum (teaching assistant Monday-Friday mornings). Mrs Rumsey (teaching assistant Monday-Friday afternoons)

We hope that you have had a lovely Half Term holiday. Can you believe that we are half way through the academic year? Time has flown by. The children are progressing amazingly and thanks to your great support the children are really blossoming.

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>Phonics phase 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learning digraphs and trigraphs• Reading and writing cvc words, captions and sentences• Phase 3 tricky words <p>Examples of writing for a purpose: Writing a treasure hunt clue. Making maps with labels.</p> <p><u>Class books:</u> Fiction and non-fiction books about caring for our planet; traditional and multi-cultural tales. <i>Rosie's Walk, Captain Beastie's Pirate Party, 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	<p>Numbers 8, 9,10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Halving and doubling numbers• Odd/even• Partitioning – Bar models• Problem solving• Addition using tens frames• One more/one less• Subtraction using a bar model• Capacity• length• Positional language	<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>



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Theme:	This term, we will look at topics linked to the Ocean. We will look at pirates and maps, then we will think about our wonderful World and the problem of plastic in our ocean. We will think about how that affects the creatures in the sea and what we can do to help... recycling and putting things in the right bins.	Have you any pirate stories you could read with your child at home? Can they make you a map to find some treasure? Can you talk to your child about any recycling you do at home? Why do we do this?
RE	What can we see in our wonderful world?	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.

Reading Books and Tricky Word Sheets

Please leave these in your child's book bag and the reading books will be changed once a week. We try to check the tricky word sheets every 2 weeks and move the children on as they are ready.

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.

Parent helpers

If you would like to come into school to help with reading in Reception at all, please see Mrs Matthews 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.

Milk

As soon as your child has their 5th 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.



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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 children use it very well and the DT area is very popular and without your help we have little for the children to use in there.

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 Matthews and Mrs Manderville