

What is happening in Reception?

Literacy







We will be reading our new story called 'Mr Gumpy's Outing'. This story is all about Mr Gumpy, who lets some children and animals on his boat. They don't follow the rules and end up tipping the boat over. They all fall in the river but luckily reach the bank safely. We will also be reading 'How to be a Viking' and learning some words from it including: fierce, shivering, trembled and peculiar.

In phonics, we are now all learning special friends. We will all be practising oral blending, reading and writing CVC or CCVC/CVCC words and red words. We will be writing them in phrases with finger spaces. In handwriting, we are trying to write our letters at the correct relative size and learning to write capital letters.

Note: V = vowel and C = consonant

Maths







In Maths, we will be reciting numbers to 30 and back. We will also be practising counting and writing our numbers to 20. During the week, we will practise subitising numbers to 5 and will be thinking about number patterns, including odd and even numbers and number doubles. We will be trying to recall some of our double facts to 10 like 3+3 is 6.

Topic





We are starting our new topic this term 'Have things always been the same?' We will be comparing things from today to things in the past. We will be looking at transport with a focus on boats/ships. We will look at pictures and talk about what boats/ships are made of and how they move through the water.

Today, large ships are made from metal and have engines but in the past they were wood and only had sails or oars. We will look at stories from the past about boats, including some about pirates and a ship called the Titanic. We will explore things that float and things

that sink. We will think about how we stay safe near water and about people and things that help us, like lighthouses and the RNLI.



Messages

Please make a huge effort to get your child to school on time. Our classroom door opens at 8.40am and the children start their learning straight away. School officially starts at 8.45am and children should be in class by this time.

This time of year, the weather can be very warm so please ensure your child has suitable clothing for their outdoor learning. They need a named sun hat and named water bottle. To keep them safe in the sun, please apply a high factor 8-hour sun cream before they come to school.

Can we please ask everyone to check all their children's clothing is named - thank you!

PE is on a Friday so please check your child has PE kit and can earrings be removed or taped up before school.

Please remember to use Oxford Owl for electronic copies of RWI books and quizzes to support your child!



How can you help at home?

Please continue to practise oral blending with your child daily. If they can blend 3 sounds then please extend them to 4 or 5 sounds to help them progress in their reading. The Fred game links and Oxford Owl activities will help with this. Please practise sounds daily and listen to your child read if they are bringing home words, sheets and/or books. Some children are now learning set 2 sounds and these can be trickier. Please continue to practise reading all the sounds they have learned.

Please share books and read to your child every night if you can. Try and develop a love of reading that will stay with them for the rest of their lives! The children should practise reading regularly Oxford Owl can help with this.

Ten Town will give your child access to all the stories and songs they know and a range of activities designed to develop their understanding of numbers.

You can also support your child's Maths learning by undertaking some of the suggested activities from the maths home learning.

If you have any comments, concerns or questions, please come and speak to Mrs Kalampaliki or Ms York. We hope you all have a lovely week!