

Canon Peter Hall C of E Primary School



Reception - Spring Term 2024

Welcome Back

It has been fantastic to see all the Reception children back in school, they have returned with such a mature attitude and their behaviour has been fantastic. Their enthusiasm for learning never fails to amaze me and they are all showing superb resilience as they tackle new learning challenges. I look forward to continuing to support your children this half term as we begin to learn about Spring.

Project Information

We have developed a curriculum, which is centred around 6 overarching themes.

This is what we are covering in our overarching themes this term:

The world of work – We will be following children's interests to explore the roles of different occupations.

A local landmark – We will continue to explore the forest and the school environment, observing and investigating the changes to our surrounding environment. We will also be visiting the pond to learn about the habitat of a frog and the vegetable patch to plant and look after different fruits and vegetables.

Eating well – We will be learning about healthy diets thinking about a balanced diet. We will be enjoying pancakes for snack and making healthy choices for our toppings.

Seasonal changes – We will be visiting the apple tree in the quad area to find out about what is happening as Spring approaches. We will be growing and caring for plants. As spring approaches, we will be investigating how the weather is changing and will be learning about the return of birds after migration and thinking about animals waking up from hibernation.

My life right now – We will be talking about our own memories of half term and thinking about anything that is relevant to our lives right now. We will be talking about and exploring our emotions linked to Valentine's Day.

Festivals and celebrations – We will be celebrating pancake day and Valentine's Day. We will be finding out how Christians celebrate Easter.

You can support your child with their learning by:

- Talking about and exploring how the world is changing.
- Going to the local park to watch and listen to the birds.
- Plant your own seeds and talk about how to look after plants.

Reading:

Children will bring home a reading book on a Friday. This should be returned to school on a Friday. All children are expected to read at least three times per week to develop fluency and understanding.

Your child will bring home a book that matches the Read Write Inc phonic sounds that they are learning.

Your child will also bring home a book to read for pleasure for you to read with them. They can point out any words containing the sound they have learnt in their RWI session that day. The children can show me that they have read their book by completing a reading response activity from their homework sheet.

Additionally, please read stories from home to enable your child to develop a love of reading.

Supporting your child with their maths learning:

This half term we will be consolidating our knowledge of more and fewer by using it to reason when ordering numbers. We will be exploring the composition of numbers to 10 including finding the missing part. We will be exploring doubles, odd and even numbers. We will be learning the names of 3D shapes and exploring rotating, manipulating and position through 3D shapes. We will develop our vocabulary to talk about 3D shapes.

To support your child at home

- Go on a 3D shape hunt and describe what the shapes look like.
- Look at the patterns of odd and even numbers.
- Use fingers to explore doubles to 10.
- Find different ways to make numbers to 10.

PE

We have PE on **Wednesday morning**. Mrs Caulfield will be working with the children in PE this term and will be teaching the children about body management in gymnastics. We will now be expecting the children to get changed for PE to develop their independence. Please provide your child with a PE kit, this should include a white t-shirt, black shorts and plimsolls. This can be left at school and will be sent home each half term, unless required sooner. Please remember to remove your child's earrings before school on a Wednesday.