



The Cape Primary School

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Year R
Reception

In Personal Social and Emotional ...

As children will be transitioning in to Year 1 we will be having an even bigger focus on developing independence.

As previously mentioned, to help children at home with their independence please focus on: regular physical activity, dressing themselves for school, healthy eating, toothbrushing, sensible amounts of 'screen time' and having a good sleep routine and being a safe pedestrian.

During sunny days, please apply sun cream to your child and send them in a sun hat.

We will be talking about their transition into Year 1 and what will be expected of the children. Children will also be given opportunities to visit their new classes and teachers and ask questions about Year 1.

In Communication & Language ...

Children will continue to engage in daily story times and will have experience of predicting what might happen next. Children will also have lots of story sequencing opportunities and chances to showcase their phonics and spellings during independent writing lessons.

We will continue to encourage children to use full sentences when talking and all adults will be modelling the correct use of language at every opportunity.

Circle times are used to develop their listening, attention and speaking skills. To help at home encourage children to engage in conversations, ask them questions and model the correct response if needed. Story times will also help to foster good communication skills.

In Physical Development ...

This term we will continue to focus on fine and gross motor skills. For fine motor skills, we will focus on ensuring children can confidently use tools for writing and cutting. Children are encouraged to form their letters correctly, starting and ending each letter using the correct formation rhyme. Therefore, handwriting will continue to be a part of our every day activities. Please help your child with their handwriting at home. During P.E lessons, we will be focusing on ball handling skills. This includes throwing and catching and kicking a range of balls.

To link with being independent we will be expecting children to be able to manage their own self care including zipping up their own coats and tying their own shoe laces (if they wear laces to school). If your child is not able to do this already please work with them and encourage them to do so. To help at home please encourage them to get dressed on their own in the mornings and evenings.

In Literacy...

We will be continuing to use our phonics to help us with our writing. As we are working towards the Early Learning Goals, children will be expected to be able to write sentences using their phonics with little support. We will be doing lots of practice of this in school. Children are benefiting from the use of the Little Wandle scheme. Our guided reading sessions will be working on developing children's fluency through 'decoding' as well as prosody or reading with expression and developing general comprehension skills.

At home, please help by encouraging your child to read their e-Collins book every day. They receive new books every week and these are checked by your child's teachers. Encourage your child to write sentences using the phonics sounds they have learned so far. Encourage them to use the letter formation grids sent home and phase 2 and 3 sound mats.

In Maths...

This term we will be working with numbers 1-20. We will be looking at the composition of numbers, using our knowledge of number bonds to help us and then we will also be looking at addition and subtraction. By doing this children will become more fluent mathematicians. We will also be looking at repeated patterns, numerical patterns, revisit 2D and 3D shapes, measuring volume and capacity and sorting and time. To help at home count with your child, ask them to count things in their environment, add two groups of objects together and write simple addition and subtraction calculations for your child to read and represent, for example: $3 + 5 = 8$. Use practical items at home to help your child with addition and subtraction too. Also helping them to recall number bonds to 10 and practising number formation will greatly support them. Children need to know the days of the week and talk about and order their daily routines.

In Understanding the World...

Our topics this term are: where does our food come from, Space and all around the world.

To develop children's knowledge and understanding of the world, they will explore similarities and differences between different countries around the world. They will learn about rockets, space travel and planets during the space topic. Children will also gain knowledge on where their food comes from.

They will learn about going on a journey, different holiday destinations and also animals around the world including sea creatures and marine life.

In Expressive Arts & Design...

Our topics on where our food comes from, all around the world and space will link to our expressive arts and design curriculum. Children will enjoy role play in the farm shop, space and airport. We will also listen to a range of classical and contemporary music as well as music from different cultures and locations in the world. We will also look at using different materials to create other pieces of art as well as looking at how we can improve our creative designs. Children will also be encouraged to talk about their creations and how they have made them. In order to develop this we will also need to work on children's resilience to continue to work at an activity.

What you need to know about Year Reception

Important dates this term:

Nursery closed– Tuesday 17th June

Sports day– Date to be confirmed

End of Summer term—Friday 18th July 2025

May Half Term- 26th-31st May 2025

Trips and Visits:

TBC

Staff working in Year Reception:

Mrs Rai, Miss Douglas, Mrs Squire, Mrs Bi, Mrs Waseen, Mrs Mary.

Our P.E day is: Friday.

Please remember to send your child to school in their PE kit every Friday.

Each Friday, your child will receive a 'Real Book' to encourage reading for pleasure. Can we please ask that this is done and returned each week, it is really important for your child's development, particularly reading— Please access your e-Collins book on:

www.https://ebooks.collinsopenpage.com/