

Growing and Changing


Reception – Term 4





Term 4 Overview

This term, we will be focusing on the season 'Spring' and how our beautiful world is growing and changing all around us. Furthermore, we will look closely at how we change and grow whilst understanding the different stages of life we have been through. We cannot wait to take the Reception class to Warriner farm where we will see different farmyard animals, whilst learning about the preparation for the growing season and how to care for crops and animals.





Term 4 Learning

Communication Language

During this term, we will continue to use circle time to understand the importance of listening. We will be listening to and talking about non-fiction texts to develop new knowledge and vocabulary. We will be asking questions to teach understanding. We will become independent to talk through problems and organise activities with our friends.

Personal Social Emotional Development

During this term, we will be sharing our likes and dislikes with each other. Children will be clear with what makes them happy and know what they can do to achieve this. Children will continue to achieve perseverance and resilience independently following the Grange Way.

Physical Development

This term, we will be using our feet to explore different ways of moving - kicking, dribbling and stopping the ball. Additionally, we will continue gymnastics which focuses on travelling high, low, under and over.





Literacy

This term, we will be writing graphemes and diagraphs, following on from learning our sounds. We will continue to write sentences and begin to 'hold sentences' in which children will learn to remember their sentences. Furthermore, we will continue to consolidate set 1 sounds and begin to tackle the set 2 diagraphs.

Maths

We will continue to build upon subitising numbers, recall number bonds up to 10, measure length, time and height, explore 3D shapes, spatial awareness and notice errors in three part repeating patterns.

Expressive Arts Design

We look forward to drawing pictures based on observations and looking at the different colours in nature. We will be mixing paint to explore new colours and recognise new patterns in the environment.

Understanding the World

We will understand the changes in our lifetime and what happens as we get older. Children will describe images of familiar situations in the past when looking at contrasting images and stories. Furthermore, we will continue to explore countries around the world and the people who live in them. Finally, we will celebrate Easter and learn the Easter story.



Additional Information

Key Dates

- Warriner Farm trip
28th February
- Start school 19th
Feb– Break up on
28th March
- Sign language week
– 18th March

PE Days

PE will continue to be on a Monday and Thursday. Please can P.E kits be in at the start of the week, with them returning on Thursday, ready to be washed.

Reading

It is expected that children read regularly at home to continue making progress and to consolidate phonics sounds. Reading familiar books will help your child build comprehension skills needed such as re telling the story in order and making accurate predictions. Please record your child's reading in the reading journal and make use of the class library on a **Wednesday**. Additionally, we will be keeping the reading journals in school every **Wednesday**, so that we can keep track of all the amazing reading being done.

Outdoor learning

Please ensure that children have suitable clothing's for the colder and wetter weather such as wellies, wetsuits etc.

Forest School

Forest school will continue to be a Tuesday morning, so please ensure that wellies and wetsuits are in school.

Useful Links

Oxford Owl

Oxford Owl is a fabulous resource for many subject areas and offers a very good reading range with many free resources.

Please follow this link: https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/user/sign_up.html which will allow you to create a home login with Oxford Owl. Once you have joined up and signed in, please follow this link: [Free eBook library | Oxford Owl from Oxford University Press](#) This will take you to the eBooks suitable for sharing at home.

Phonics play

A site packed with interactive phonics games which is great for child development within phonics

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

Top Marks

Play these fun Maths Games for 3-5 year olds
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/3-5-years/counting>

RWI

Watch the following link to improve your phonics knowledge to ensure you are saying the sounds correctly
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TkXcabDUg7Q>