



Reception Class Term 3 Newsletter



It seems like a long time ago now, but I hope that you all had a relaxing Christmas holiday. The children certainly enjoyed telling me all about it. This term is short but busy as always. Last week we were lucky to have a visit from some Paramedics who showed the children all of their equipment and gave them a tour of the ambulance. As always, if you need to contact me please feel free to email me. My email address is Jacqueline.West2@sgmail.org.uk

Topic



This term our Topic is 'Pioneers'.

In English, we will be reading the text – 'The Great Explorer. We started this learning with a 'Scavenger Hunt' around the school. The children found things that an explorer may use on their adventures. We will be sequencing the story and identifying the difference between the characters' thoughts and feelings. To finish we will be writing some short sentences to retell the story.

In Science, the children will learn to identify and describe everyday materials. They will explore how the shape of solid objects can be changed and know that the same object can be made from different materials.

In History, the children will understand why an explorer is a significant person. They will learn about past and present explorers - Sir Ranulph Fiennes, Gertrude Bell, Valentina Terashkova, Ernest Shackleton and Ibn Baffle.

In Art, the children will explore mixing primary colours to create the secondary colours and their hues. They will learn about the Artist Jasper Johns, and his use of warm and cool colours. The children will work in the style of the artist to create a collaborative class piece.

In Maths

We will continue to engage with activities that develop the children's understanding of composition, or the numbers within numbers

We will be using the language of 'more than', 'fewer than' and 'an equal number' to describe how many objects there are in each set.

The children will then be encouraged to notice when quantities are equal or unequal, and will begin to consider how they can manipulate the number of objects in 2 sets to make them equal.

Show and Tell

Slips have come home about show and Tell this term. Each term the children will get an opportunity to do show and tell. Please keep an eye out for slips in the children's bookbag.

Proud Moments

The children will be bringing home some more proud moment slips. Please can you aim to fill at least one in each term to share something that you are proud of. It could be linked to their learning, their behaviour or an achievement outside of school. Please send them to school to be stuck in their books.

Thank you for the ones that got returned last term. The children loved sharing them.



Phonics and Reading



Red words

Previous red words

<u>is</u>	<u>of</u>	<u>do</u>
<u>his</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>me</u>
<u>he</u>	<u>you</u>	<u>be</u>
<u>to</u>	<u>the</u>	<u>so</u>

New red words

The children have come home with lots of new things to practise. The laminated sheet has all of the sounds we will be learning before the end of the year. So that you can see what sounds we have done so far, I have attached a card where I have written the sounds the children we have covered in school. I will update this as we learn new sounds. At the moment we are learning 'ee'. We read words with the sound and then practise writing words with the sound. The children are becoming more confident and independent at writing these words.

The children also have an envelope with some of the red words (they are the ones on the inside of the front cover of the reading books). I will check these each week and once the children confidently read the words, I will add some more. Please can the children bring all of this back into school each day. The children need to remember that the 'red' words are words that you cannot sound out and have to sight read the word as a whole. Any questions about this please email me.

A reminder that all the books are on the phonics portal. If children have finished their reading book, you can recap any of the previous books we have sent home.

Parent Portal website: <https://parents.fft.org.uk/>

Password: **u3g5ph**

