





What we are Learning in Reception this Half Term

Lent Term 2 2025

Title: Life on planet Earth		Key Vocabulary
Literacy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Read and write simple facts Retell a story with increasing detail. Our focus text is 'Aliens Love Underpants' by Claire Freedman Write simple sentences to describe Earth 		Fiction Non-fiction 
Maths <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Know number bonds to 5 eg $3+2=5$ and begin to know bonds to 10 eg $6+4=10$ Count to over 50 or more by rote Subitise to 5 and above Combining 2D and 3D shapes 		Number bond Subitise Part,part whole Curved,straight, 2D and 3D shapes
RE – Desert to Garden <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Know the story of Jesus in the Desert (Luke 4:1-13) Know that during Lent, we get ready for Easter Know that during Lent I can grow more by caring, sharing and helping more 		Lent Easter Caring Sharing
PE Dance- Linking a combination of movements and poses to compose a simple dance		Dance Pose
Understanding the world – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talk about the signs of Spring and changing Seasons A look around Hyson Green, what would an alien think? To explore different materials and magnetism To make simple maps of Hyson Green and our school 		 Spring Earth Planets Hyson Green Magnet
PSED - RSHE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feeling poorly- finding out about medicines and how to keep safe around them My body, My rules-introducing the children to the idea of bodily privacy and the importance of talking to their 'special people' if anything is bothering them 		Medicine Safe/Unsafe Body Special people
Music <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rhythm exploration using body percussion and percussion instruments. Be inspired by Louis Armstrong's 'What a Wonderful World' Art <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collage- Look at the work of Paul Klee and recreate his picture 'Moonrise' using 2D shapes Craft and Design - Making 3D rockets 		Rhythm Loud/quiet Stop/go Drawing Shapes Joining



Year Reception Diary Dates

Wednesday 5 th March	10am Ash Wednesday Mass
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day
Thursday 3 rd April	Easter Bonnet Parade 9.30 am and 2.00 pm (tbc)
Friday 4 th April	School Closed for Easter

Reading

It is important that your child reads at home for **5-10 minutes every night**. Please write in the reading diary when you have listened to your child read. The more children practise reading at home the faster they will progress. Children will bring home a 'Big Cat' reading book every Wednesday after getting familiar with it with Mrs Harrison. For the reading system to work, it is crucial that the children then read with parents at home and be able to read the book fluently.

Reception Expectations for Phonics this Half Term:



- Read, write and apply digraphs and trigraphs
- Form letters correctly and with good control over size.
- Read and write sentences and begin to use full stops and capital letters
- Read 'Tricky words' automatically.
- Hold a pencil correctly.

Please work with your child on the weekly phonic homework. This will consolidate work done in school.



Easter Bonnet Parade

Parents are invited to join our Foundation Easter Bonnet Parade to celebrate Easter and to welcome the beginning of Spring. Please make your Easter Bonnet at home (with your child) and bring it into school on **Wednesday 2nd April** ready for the Parade on Thursday. It can be as simple or creative as you wish.