



“Learning Together, Learning for Life”

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Aspiration

Independence

Resilience

Respect

Welcome to The Infant Curriculum Letter **Summer Term first half 2022**

Teacher: **Miss Wilson**

On Tuesdays **Mr Jakes** (Sports Coach) will teach the class during my PPA time (planning, preparation and assessment time). **Mrs Wittich** will teach music on Tuesdays and also art on Wednesdays.

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a lovely break and have been enjoying the sunshine.

Please find below details of our curriculum for this half term.

We will be actively trying to demonstrate our values of:

Independence by selecting our own resources in and around the classroom to help us learn in the way that suits us best.

Respect by following the daily routines of the class and school, being kind, polite and helpful to one another, and building effective working relationships with each other.

Aspiration by encouraging each other to take risks and challenge ourselves to reach our goals.

Resilience by reflecting on our learning and choices, developing a growth mindset and using our mistakes as learning opportunities.

English: We will be looking at traditional tales this half term and focusing on the very well-known fairy tale Rapunzel. We will be using this text to learn more about traditional tales. Within our lessons we will continue to build on our English skills for example improving our synonym choice.

Reading: **As an important part of your child's home learning, they should be reading at home every day.** The children should be reading with or to an adult. When they are reading, please make use of the activities and questions in the covers of the book. In their home school communication book, you will find a sticker explaining the skills that they should be working on as part of reading at home. By reading the book and working on the skills, **the book will be kept for two days.** It is important that over these two days you support your child in building their **reading fluency.** Comments on their reading and skills should be recorded every day in the Home School Communication book.

The children will continue to be able to change their library books on Thursdays.

Children are also encouraged to take one of the books we have looked at in assembly home with them to read. Children will need to ask Mrs Wittich which book they would like to take home and then return the book to Mrs Wittich once it has been read.

Spelling: Spellings will be given to the children every Friday and tested the following Friday.

Weekly spelling words will be sent home in the Home School Communication books. Parents are expected to sign the sticker once it has been completed. There will be daily phonics and spelling lessons in school taught by either myself or Mrs Wittich.

Maths: We will be looking at money this half term. We will be identifying coins, adding and subtracting as well. As well as this we will also be learning all about fractions.

Times Tables: Please make use of Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS) to help your child to learn their times tables.

Please ensure your child completes Mathletics activities each week. These activities will be set weekly on stickers in the Home School Communication book. **Parents are expected to sign the stickers to show completion of tasks.**

Science: This half term our new Science topic is 'Living things and their habitats'. We will be exploring different habitats, identifying things that are living, dead and have never been alive. We will continue to also develop our Working Scientifically skills.

History (topic): Our new topic for this term is 'When I was at School'. The children are going to be learning all about what school was like in the past. They will learn how it is similar and different to schools of today. This will include visits both in person and virtually from past pupils, some of whom remember the school when all of the children were taught together in the original classroom which is now the hall!

Geography: We will continue to learn about weather and different seasons.

DT: We will be developing our knowledge of how to prepare fruits and vegetables. We will be using our senses to explore different fruits and vegetables. We will also learn different techniques on how to prepare our vegetables such as peeling and cutting.

Art: We will be exploring our local area and school through closer studies of the buildings linked to our history topic. We will be using drawing and photography to create montages of images to compare and contrast the school as we know it now and from the past.

Computing: We will continue to use the Chromebooks in our Computing lessons. We are going to continue to learn how to create pictures and then we will be moving on to learning about spreadsheets.

PE:

In PE, we will be learning to hit a ball with a racket, develop our throwing skills and knowing how to use a ready position. We will also be developing our fitness this half term where we will be recognising how we feel after exercise as well as trying new challenges.

If your child has earrings, you will need to either provide medical tape to cover them or if possible come to school on PE days without earrings. This is part of the expected

health and safety procedures of primary PE requirements. Please ensure your child has their full PE kit in school on **Mondays** and **Tuesdays** for their PE lessons.

PSHE: Our Jigsaw topic this half term is Relationships. Year One will be having their Jigsaw lessons with **Miss Wilson** and Year Two with **Mrs Rozier**. Please see the recent letter sent home for what we will be covering this half term.

French: We will continue to broaden our knowledge of new words and describe different objects.

R.E: We will continue to learn about the religions of Christianity and Judaism. We will be looking at moral stories as well as stories from the old testament and the new testament.

Music: We will be enjoying music with a Latin theme including some songs by Michael Bublé, Santana and even a bit of Ricky Martin! We will be learning to sing and accompany the song 'Round and Round' and begin to add some of our own compositions to it.

Forest School: Please ensure your child comes to school dressed in clothes appropriate for Forest School.

Talk Time: As a reminder every term, the children will prepare a 5-minute presentation at home. The presentation can be on any topic of interest to the speaker. The children can use resources such as pictures, objects or Google slides to support their presentation. There will then be a chance for the audience (the rest of the class) to ask questions and then feedback on the presentations they see. Please see below for when your child's talk time presentation will be (this list will also be put on Google Classroom):

Isla - Monday 9th May
Ruby - Tuesday 10th May
William - Thursday 12th May
Edith - Monday 16th May
Isabel - Tuesday 17th May
Lily - Friday 20th May
Jesse - Friday 20th May
Imogen - Tuesday 14th June
Grace - Thursday 16th June
Ronnie - Friday 17th June
Dilan - Monday 20th June
George - Tuesday 21st June
Henry - Friday 24th June
Isabelle - Monday 27th June
Millie - Tuesday 28th June
Danté - Tuesday 28th June

Reminders

We would just like to remind parents that they are more than welcome to come into class after the school day to look at their child's learning. If you would like to look at your child's learning at any point please let Miss Wilson know beforehand due to after school commitments.

It is important that your child has a **named clear water bottle with a sports lid in school every day**. This will need to be taken home at the end of the day, washed and refilled.

All children should have a pair of named wellington boots. These are kept in the class boot box.

School uniform:

Please ensure you **name all items of clothing (including footwear) clearly**. **Any earrings should be small plain studs**. Please make sure socks and tights are in line with our expected uniform.

Home learning:

Please check the Google Classroom and stream regularly for announcements and home learning. Instructions around home learning will continue to be explained in the Home School Communication book. **This book should be used and tasks completed, signed and commented on five times a week. We will monitor the home learning completed and use your comments to help assess progress.**

If you need to contact me at all, please write a message in the Home School Communication book, arrange a meeting via the office, or send an email to a.wilson@reed.herts.sch.uk. Of course, I will also be on the playground each morning and afternoon. Please note that emails may not get a response straight away, and any emails sent in the evenings and over a weekend/holiday may not be answered until the next school day.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,
Miss Wilson
(Infant Class Teacher)