

Reception Newsletter

Term 3

Key Dates for the Diary

Stay and Play	Thursday January 18th 9.00—9.30 am
Stay and Play	Thursday February 1st 9.00-9.30
Number Theme Day	Friday 2nd Feb- ruary
End of Term 3	Friday 9th Feb- ruary
INSET Day	Monday 19th February

HOW TO HELP AT HOME

Children are now able to recognise many letters and the sounds they make. You could help your child to use these sounds to build simple words like fox, den and pot.

You could use magnetic letters or encourage your child to write these words. Some children are ready to write simple sentences. You could support your child to write 'I can sentences' e.g. 'I can hop.' or 'I can see a fox.'

You could also help your child to recognise and order numbers to 1-20.



OUT AT NIGHT

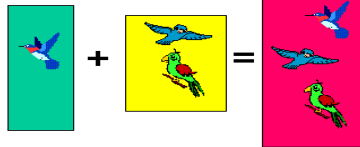
This term we will be sharing stories on the theme of night time. We will be reading stories like 'Owl Babies' and 'The Thing'. We will be focusing more on sentence writing, working hard on leaving finger-spaces and using capital letters and full stops.



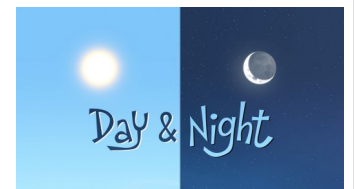
In Mathematics, we will be learning to count reliably to 20 and beyond. We will learn to recognise all numbers to 20 and to place them in order. We will begin to learn how to find the total of two groups of objects. Children will learn how to record their addition calculations in pictures and numbers.

Children will also be learning about day and night time and how they affect our everyday lives. They will focus on nocturnal animals, learning about their habitats and behaviours.

$$1 + 2 = 3$$



We will spend some time exploring the concepts of light and darkness. We will learn about different sources of light and how shadows are made.



STAY AND PLAY

Please come along to our 'Stay and Play' sessions to see how your child's learning is progressing. We will also be holding a workshop this term to help you support your child's reading at home.



READING BOOKS

Please remember how important it is to read with your child and to practise the sounds and tricky words we send home.

INTO THE WOODS!



We began our last topic discovering the footprints of a lost bear in our outdoor area. We learnt to retell stories like 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' and 'The Gingerbread Man'. We also learnt how to compare the size, length and weight of different objects, comparing and ordering the characters and objects from our stories.



We ended the term with a fantastic Nativity performance that made us all very proud!

PE

PE sessions are on Tuesday afternoons for Ducklings and Wednesday afternoons for Cygnets. Please make sure kits are in school and labelled.