



Spring Term in Reception at Swinnow!

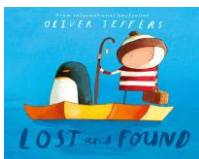
I cannot believe that we are already in the second term of our time in Reception together!

This term our learning themes are 'Our Wonderful World' and 'Our Wonderful World- Amazing Animals'. Please read through the information below to find out more about the specific learning that we will be doing during the Spring Term.



If you have any questions please see a member of the Reception Team 😊

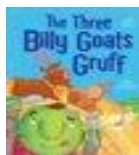
These are some of the Quality Texts that we will be sharing in class this term...



Lost and Found



Not Now Noor



The Three Billy Goats Gruff



On Sudden Hill



Super Me, Super You

Communication and Language

This term we will be focusing on developing our listening and attention for an increasingly sustained amount of time with particular focus on adult directed teaching sessions and tasks.

We will develop our skills in asking questions about the things we have heard and responding to each other in a back-and-forth conversation. We will play games to encourage this and develop the use of Talk Partners during carpet sessions and discussions.

Ways to help...

Talk to your child about your day; modelling this will encourage your child to tell you about theirs too!

Share your thinking and wonder aloud about the things you are doing- I wonder if.....How could I...

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

As a class community we will continue to build on the positive relationships that we already have with our peers and adults.

We will be focusing on developing our independence skills when completing challenges during Discover and Explore and persevering when things may be more of a challenge. We will learn how to follow instructions to complete our tasks and activities.

Through our Quality Texts we will be looking at ways we can keep our bodies healthy and the ways in which we make healthy choices in different ways.

Ways to help...

Play turn taking and sharing games at home.

Bake or cook together. Try out some new healthy recipes.

Physical Development

The children will take part in lots of fun fine motor activities and use tools such as scissors, paintbrushes and a variety of mark-making equipment. During P.E sessions we will be focusing on moving our bodies in different ways across large apparatus whilst keeping ourselves safe. Next half term we will be welcoming a coach in from Leeds Rhinos who will help us develop our skills in catching and throwing whilst learning new games and Mrs Lilley who will be delivering some Dance sessions.

Ways to help...

Support your child in using a knife and fork more independently at home.

Encourage your child to put on and zip up their own coat.

Literacy

We will be continuing on our phonics journey this term by completing the Phase 3 letters and sounds and moving into Phase 4. More information about these specific sounds will be sent home very soon.

We use the Anima Phonics programme throughout school to support the children with their learning. As part of the lessons, we also teach the children technical words like phoneme (the letter sound) and grapheme (the written letter sound) and how the letter is formed.

When writing we are now encouraging the children to try writing sentences or captions using the tricky words and sounds that we have already learnt.

Ways to help...

Read with your child as often as you can. We ask for a minimum of three times across the week

Write simple messages to each other. Maybe you could hide them around the house!

Use the letter formation ditties to encourage correct letter formation- use bubbles, flour etc... to mark make.

Maths

In maths we will be learning all about the numbers from 5 to 10. We will be comparing them to one another, looking at how each one is made up e.g 6 could be 4+2 or 3+3 etc... and where they sit on a number line or track.

Within this we will begin to build up our knowledge of the number bonds to 10 so that they become something the children can quickly recall. We will be learning songs to help us with this.

Ways to help...

Encourage your child to do simple counting in fun and practical situations using objects.

Play games such as snakes and ladders to support number recognition and 1:1 counting

Useful Websites/links

Literacy-

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/resources/phase/2>

Maths-

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b08bzfnh/numberblocks>

Understanding the World This half term we will be developing our understanding of other countries in the world through exploring the Antarctic region and identifying the Northern and Southern hemispheres on a globe. We will be learning about Lunar New Year and how it is celebrated.

As we move into Spring 2 we will be observing and identifying seasonal changes from Winter to Spring.

How to help... Talk to your children about the changes you can see happening in the world around us as the seasons begin to move from Winter to Spring.

Expressive Art and Design We will be re-telling stories in a range of ways and developing our role play- collaborating and sharing ideas. In Spring 2 we will be looking at the work of Vincent Van Gogh and using it to influence our own art work. Looking at details and developing technique. We will also be participating in Dance sessions with Mrs Lilley as part of our PE

How to help... Sing songs and rhymes at home

Other important information...

- Reading books will be changed once a week if it is indicated in your child's Reading Record that they have read. We ask that you read with your child at least **3 times a week** to ensure their newly acquired skills are being practised.
- P.E- sessions are currently on Thursdays. **After** February half term this may change so please look out for a reminder about this via Tapestry.
- If you cannot access Tapestry please let Mrs Walker know. We communicate most messages through this medium and regularly post information on what the children have been doing in class.
- Please remember to label your child's clothes- especially cardigans and jumpers!

Thank you for your continued support.