



Summer Term in Reception at Swinnow!



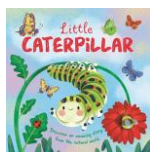
I cannot believe that we are already in the final term of our time in Reception together!

This term our learning themes are 'Our Wonderful World- Growing' and 'Our Wonderful World Journeys'

Please read through the information below to find out more about the specific learning that we will be doing during the Summer Term

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

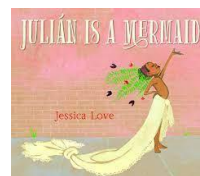
These are some of the Quality Texts that we will be sharing in class this term...



Little Caterpillar



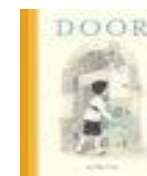
Jack and the Beanstalk



Julian is a Mermaid



Commotion in the Ocean



The Door

Communication and Language

This term we will be developing our skills in having back and forth conversations with another- responding in ways that are relevant and asking questions to clarify our thinking.

Extending our sentences both verbally and written will be another area that we focus on. We will be using words such as 'and' 'because' or 'but' to articulate our thinking and to elaborate on our ideas and thoughts.

Ways to help...

Share your thoughts and ideas verbally with your children using extending sentences.

Play 'Would you rather?' use your imagination to ask the questions- the sillier the better!

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

As a class community we are focusing on resolving conflict in an increasingly independent way through using our voices and explaining our feelings to our classmates.

We are looking at showing resilience and perseverance in different situations and how a change in effort or approach may result in success.

Ways to help...

Encourage your children to try out new activities to develop their resilience.

Talk to your children about how they are feeling- name their emotions for them and discuss how to manage that particular emotion especially if it is one such as angry or sad.

Physical Development

The children will continue to take part in lots of fun fine motor activities and use tools such as scissors, paintbrushes and a variety of mark-making equipment. Our particular focus will be ensuring that, when writing, we are forming all our letters correctly through muscle memory (lots of practise so that it becomes automatic!)

During P.E sessions we will be using the large apparatus and in Summer 2 we will be developing our sports skills and getting ready for Sports Day!

Ways to help...

Encouraging your children to write at home, forming letters correctly at all times. (see letter formation info)

Play throwing and catching or target games using balls or beanbaas.

Literacy

We will be continuing on our phonics journey this term by completing Phase 4 letters and sounds and moving into Phase 5. 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.

We will be looking at writing for different purposes- lists, stories, instructions- becoming more independent when writing sentences and reading them back.

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!

Maths

In maths we will be learning all about the numbers from 10 to 20. Our exploration of these numbers will lead us to understand that each one is made up of 10 and which will support our understanding of how the number system works.

We will be developing our knowledge of doubling numbers using real objects to understand this concept as 'twice as many'

Ways to help...

Take a look on this website for some fun ideas to support the development of your child's maths skills.

<https://www.family.co/blog/10-creative-early-years-maths-activities>

Useful Websites/links

Literacy-

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/resources/phase/3/pick-a-picture>

Maths-

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

Understanding the World We will be visiting the farm as our school trip- whilst there we will look at features of the environment and compare it to ours at school. We will develop our understanding of the life cycle of caterpillars through having our own Butterfly Garden in our classroom – we will learn how to care for them and observe the life cycle first hand. We will also be talking about how we have changed since we were babies!

How to help... Go out and about and talk about what you can see in the world around you.

Expressive Art and Design

Our focus will be on talking about how our creations were made and begin to take on board feedback to improve. We will be using props to re-tell familiar stories using story language and songs. We will be learning to sing and sign new songs

How to help... practise our new songs at home using the Singing Hands channel on YouTube

Reception Trip

Reception trip will be to Hesketh Farm Park on Thursday 14th May and we will be travelling by coach. Once we are at the farm we will receive a tour around, have a tractor ride and be able to pet and feed the animals. We will be able to use the indoor and outdoor play areas to have lots of fun 😊

Your child will need to bring a packed lunch that day. More information to follow in a separate letter.

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- P.E sessions are currently on Thursdays. **After** May half term this may change so, please look out for a reminder about this via Tapestry.
- As we move into Summer, we ask that you send your child to school with a hat and sun cream applied on warmer days.
- We ask that children bring their own water bottles to school each day (filled with water only please)
- Please remember to label all your children's clothes particularly cardigans, jumpers and fleeces.

Thank you for your continued support.