



# Reception Curriculum Newsletter



## Spring Term 2<sup>nd</sup> Half Term

### MATHS

In Reception the children will be continuing to develop their subitising and counting skills and explore the composition of numbers within and up to and beyond 10.

They will continue to identify when two sets are equal or unequal and connect two equal groups to doubles. They will begin to connect quantities to numerals.

The children will identify a number 1 more/less than a given number up to 10.

The children will also continue to develop correct number formation within both Guided Group work and Continuous Provision.

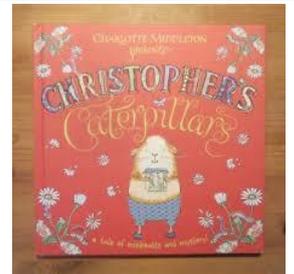
### ENGLISH

Reception will be continuing to add to their phonic knowledge during their daily letters and sounds sessions.

They will continue to develop their independent writing skills with an effective pencil grip and encouragement to

'Sound Talk' and 'Blend' phonemes to make phonetically plausible attempts at writing simple words, captions and short sentences.

The Key Text in Reception this half term will be... 'Christopher's Caterpillars'.



### SCIENCE

The focus this half term in Reception will continue to be 'Mini-Beasts' with a particular focus on Life Cycles.

We will be visiting Smithills Working Farm, inviting local beekeepers into the classroom, incubating Chicken Eggs and hatching Butterflies.

We will continue to focus on observing the changing seasons and make observations about changes within the school grounds as Spring approaches.

### COMPUTING

The children will continue to use simple programming. The children will learn about direction and will begin to sequence simple instructions.

The children will access Phonic Apps to consolidate their recognition of graphemes, matching upper and lowercase letters.

### MUSIC

During this half term the children will explore 'Musical Story Telling, using natural and man-made everyday objects along with musical instruments, to express how a particular story, poem, photograph or piece of Art makes them feel.



### Art/DT

During this half term the children will be exploring painting and mixed media under the topic of... 'Paint my World'.

The children will investigate colour and colour mixing, including different textures with paint. The children will continue to have access to all Art and DT resources within our Craft Continuous Provision Area.

### RE

Our topic this half term in RE is based upon discovering the answers to the question... 'Why do some Christians put a cross on their Easter Gardens?'

The children will learn about the meaning and significance of The Easter Story for Christians.

### MESSAGES AND REMINDERS

Please can I remind you again about the importance of regular reading at home, and the positive impact that this has on your child's progress across all areas of the curriculum Please can you also practise any grapheme/phoneme cards that we send home to ensure that your child continues to make progress within our daily phonics lessons. Many thanks for your continued support.

**Mrs J Smith**