

Reception Our Spring Term



Welcome back!

Welcome back to school and Happy New Year! We are so pleased with how well the children have settled back into this school term.

A reminder that our day starts at 8:55 am and ends at 3:25 pm. Please continue to send your child in with a labelled water bottle and return their reading books every Monday. We encourage you to check Google Classroom each Friday for updates and photos from the week. If you need help logging in, let us know.

The Weekly Schedule

Music will be on Mondays



PE is on Monday for both classes, as well as Wednesday for Acorn and Friday for Conker

Reading books go home on Thursday and should be returned on Monday

Our topics are...



Spring 1: Space and Robots

Spring 2: Superheroes and Pets and Vets

Dates for your Brookfield Diary

January 24th (9 am) Parent's Reading Workshop

February 6th and 7th Visit Hampstead Heath

February 9th Dress to express yourself for Children's Mental Health Week

February 12th – 16th Half term

March 7th World Book Day

March 8th Inset day

April 1st – 12th Easter Holidays

April 15th Summer term begins

Don't miss a thing – you can view the school calendar on our website [here](#), and please read the weekly newsletter which is emailed to you every Friday

Prime Areas of Learning



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

In class we will talk about how to show kindness at school by looking after each other and our learning environment.

Physical Development

We will continue providing opportunities for the children to develop their gross motor skills in their PE lessons and outdoor play. They will enhance their fine motor skills through woodwork, cutting, drawing, sticking, construction and letter formation practice.

Communication and Language

This term we will continue to focus on skills for listening. The children will continue sharing ideas using 'talk partners', thinking carefully about how to be a good listener and speaker. They will begin to learn skills for discussion and debate, including respectful ways to challenge ideas they disagree with.

Specific Areas of Learning



Understanding of the World

We've kicked off this term with some space exploration! Next will be robots and machines past and present, then Lunar New Year. We'll move on to winter including our visit to Hampstead Heath. Next half term the children will learn about people who help us and animal care.

Literacy

In phonics the children will learn Phase 3 vowel graphemes and Spring tricky words. Please see the Little Wandle website for more information. The children will continue reading groups three times a week. Each week, we will also focus on a high-quality picture book linking to our theme. If you would like to see the books we have selected for each week please login to Google Classroom where we will post a link every Friday. The children will also be creating pieces of writing linked to these books.

Maths

Our number work this term will focus on how to make and represent amounts from 5-10. The children will also learn about number patterns such as odds and evens. Next half term, we will begin exploring length, height and time, as well as 3-D shapes.

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will use a range of media to create space scenes. They will design and create junk model robots. At the woodwork bench, children will learn how to use the drill to make a hole. Next half term we will explore different ways of printing, such as polystyrene printing and string printing. During the weeks they are learning about animals, the children will also use clay to make their own clay owl.