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Working together with love we will provide a happy and nurturing environment where all will, **'learn to love and love to learn'**, making outstanding progress through an enriched and creative curriculum. Through our strong Christian ethos we will celebrate and embrace the richness of our community.

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Curriculum

This term the children will be exploring some wonderful topics from Curriculum Maestro. We have begun the Summer Term with our topic 'Sunshine and Sunflowers', in this topic the children will learn all about planting and growing, minibeasts and staying safe in the sun! We will be planting our own sunflowers and observing them grow and observing the metamorphosis of caterpillars into butterflies.



Our topic for Spring Term 2 is 'Big Wide World', in this topic the children will learn about life in different countries around the world, comparing this with our lives in the UK. We will learn about the continents and oceans that make up our World and the characteristics of each country.

We will also be exploring seasonal changes that occur during Spring and Summer.

Another exciting aspect of our curriculum is 'Talk 4 Writing'. Our stories for Spring Term are 'The Enormous Turnip' and 'Handa's Surprise'. We will create a story map for this story and will perform this story as a class! Please ask us to practice at home and look out for our videos of our performances on Google Classroom!



Google Classroom

Google classroom is a vital resource for communication between the classroom and home. We share homework, important notices and WOW moments through this. Please ensure that you have accepted the invitation to the page and can access this. If you have any difficulties, please speak to a member of the Reception team.

Phonics

To support your child's phonics progress links to RWI practise videos will be sent out weekly on our google classroom page. Please endeavour to watch these and practise the core phonics skills shown.

Education City Homework

Education City Homework is set every Friday, and is expected to be completed by the following Friday each week. **Log ins can be found on the inside cover of your child's reading diary.**

Reading Books and Reading Diaries

Your child has been given a reading diary and rocket phonics book to support reading at home. These books are changed once a week. Your child should be reading with you every day, and at least one comment should be written in diaries in order for the book to be changed. Please ensure your child's reading diary and book is in their book bag every day. Library books are changed on a fortnightly basis, please check that you have no overdue books at home as this will hinder your child receiving a new book.

Lunches

With the introduction of the Government incentive your child will be entitled to a free school meal each day. There is no need to book a dinner for **Reception children**. We will assume they will be having a school lunch unless they bring a lunchbox. If your child has any dietary requirements please book an appointment to see a member of our catering team through the school office. If you would have been entitled to free school meals prior to the Government incentive please ensure you have completed the relevant paperwork as this entitles your child to additional school funding.