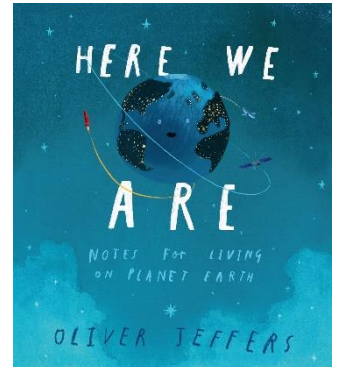


Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited to share what your child will be learning during the Spring 1 term in Reception. This term is full of exploration and creativity!

Literacy

Our main text this term is *Here We Are* by Oliver Jeffers. This beautiful book will help children think about our world, people, and how we care for each other. We will use it to inspire discussions, writing, and art.



Communication and Language

We will continue with **Sounds Write** phonics sessions to develop listening, speaking, and early reading skills.

This half term sees us learning the following new sounds: ff, ll, ss, zz.

This term, children will also begin learning to read and write more complex word structures, including:

- **VCC** (e.g., *egg*)
- **CVCC** (e.g., *hand*)
- **CCVC** (e.g., *frog*)
- **CCVCC** (e.g., *plant*)
- **CCCVC** (e.g., *string*)

These patterns will help children build confidence in blending and segmenting sounds for reading and writing.

Mathematics

This term we will focus on:

- **Alive in 5**
Recognising and representing numbers up to 5, understanding zero, and exploring one more and one less.
- **Mass and Capacity**
Comparing and measuring using practical activities.
- **Growing 6, 7, 8**
Introducing numbers beyond 5, subitising (seeing how many without counting), and composition of numbers.

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Children will explore these concepts through hands-on activities, games, and problem-solving.

Understanding the World

Our topic is Space. We will learn about astronauts and astronomers such as Mae Jemison, Tim Peake, and Caroline Herschel, and explore the planets, stars, and the Moon. We will also look at traditional stories about the stars and discuss what scientists know today.



We will also celebrate special events such as:

Pongal – 15 January

Chinese New Year – 29 January



Physical Development

We will continue PE sessions and outdoor play to develop gross motor skills, alongside “Funky Fingers” activities for fine motor development. Here are some fun activities you can try at home:

- **Playdough fun** – rolling, squashing, and shaping
- **Threading beads or pasta** onto string
- **Using tweezers** to pick up small objects
- **Cutting with child-safe scissors** on scrap paper
- **Peg games** – clipping pegs onto a container or card
- **Drawing and colouring** with crayons or pencils

These activities help strengthen hand muscles and improve coordination.

Reading Café – Tuesday 3rd February 8:45–9:45 AM

Join us for a cozy Reading Café! Come along and share a special book with your child, then enjoy exploring fun, hands-on activities together in our continuous provision. We can't wait to see you there!

Kind regards,

Miss Stratton

EYFS Teacher, Assistant Designated Safeguarding Lead, Phonics Lead, RSHE Lead

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