



## Curriculum Newsletter for Reception Autumn 1 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the First term in Reception. We would like to share our Curriculum overview with you and some key dates for this half term.

PE day will be Wednesday and will commence after the October break. Please ensure your child has their full PE kit with them, navy or black shorts or jogging bottoms, white t-shirt and black plimsoles.

Homework- and reading books go out Thursday and pupils will be expected to return their homework to school on the following Tuesday. Please ensure all homework is complete and back at school in time.

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Please take a look at our Curriculum Map for this half term.

In Literacy we will be learning our letter sounds and using them to read and write short words. We will be reading books about Jewish Festivals and about ourselves. We will be focussing on letter formation to continue to write our names, labels and short words.

In Mathematics we will be playing lots of counting games to practise our counting skills. We will be ordering numbers up to ten and beyond and comparing numbers and amounts to identify which is more and less.

We will be creating and learning to follow our class rights and responsibilities. We will be talking about when we need to say sorry. We will be thinking about how we are special and what we want to learn in reception.

We will be learning new words to describe ourselves, our appearance, the senses, likes and dislikes and our family.

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In Understanding the World we will be talking about our families and what we like to do. We will be examining how apples look, feel and taste. We will be learning to program the bee-bots to move around the mat.

During Expressive Art and Design sessions we will be learning to how to use paintbrushes and scissors independently to create our own paintings and crafts.

We will be using writing tools to make letter shapes and draw pictures with increasing control. Outdoor we will be building with large blocks and using the climbing apparatus.

We will be reading stories to describe the Jewish Festivals of Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Sukkot. We will be learning about the Parashats of Creation and Noah. In Hebrew we will be learning songs and key words for each festival.