



Reception Term 5 Parent Overview

The Gingerbread Man and Clothes, clothes, clothes



Welcome back! We hope you all had a great Easter Break.

General Information:

- We will be continuing to change word boxes and reading books on a Friday, so please ensure they are in your child's bookbag every Friday. At the end of last term, we did a phonics assessment which included tricky words. The children all did amazingly well. If your child has a tricky word in their word box that they have already had, it means that they didn't recognise it in the assessment so they just need to practise it a bit more. Thank you for your continued support with this at home.
- **PE days Monday and Thursday**- children can come into school wearing PE Kit.
- Children can continue to bring in a golden time snack on a Friday, this could be a small bar of chocolate or a packet of crisps (no sweets).

Thank you once again for your continued support.

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact us. Thank you.

Mrs Turner, Mrs Williams, Mrs Harris, Mrs Langley and Mrs McDowall.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development (Wellbeing)



As a school we will be changing the name 'PSHE' to 'Wellbeing'. Our Wellbeing topic this term is titled 'Being my Best!' During this topic we will be learning about how we are all good at different things and how to bounce back if we don't succeed at something the first time. This will then lead on to how we can help to keep ourselves healthy including exercise, sleep and hygiene (we didn't get to cover all of this last term!)

As part of this work we will be reminding children of the NSPCC Pantosaurus song and discussion points to remind the children of the idea of consent and us all having "private parts". Here is a link to the Pantosaurus song, and if you have any queries regarding this lesson, please don't hesitate to contact us - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-lL07JOGU5o>

Communication and Language



During our phonics work this term we will be using our phonic knowledge to help us to write longer words. We will start by writing CVCC (consonant, vowel, consonant, consonant words) such as went, just etc. We will then go on to write longer words.

We will also be learning how to add endings to root words, eg. -ed, -ing, -est etc and some new tricky words

We will continue to do group reading three times a week.

Our main story this term is The Gingerbread Man and we will be completing a range of fun activities linked to this story and writing our own stories based on this.

Literacy



Maths



In Maths this term we will focus on a teen number a day for the first two weeks. For each number we will look at how to count to it, practise counting objects to that number (with 1:1 correspondence), where the number sits on a number line, what is one more and one less than that number, what numbers can be added together to make that number (e.g. $14 = 4+10, 5+9$ etc...0),

Throughout the rest of the term, we will be completing games and activities linked to the numbers 11-20 to ensure the children's knowledge of the teen numbers is as strong as their numbers 1-10.

We will also be revising 2D and 3D shapes.

Understanding the World



In our religious education lessons we will be learning about places of worship. We will be thinking about what places are special to us and then exploring why Churches are special to Christians. We will also be visiting the local church as part of this theme.

In our theme of Clothes, Clothes, Clothes, we will be learning about each of the 4 seasons, what the weather is usually like in those seasons, and thinking about what we wear and why.

Our new value this term is Respect and we will be learning about this through stories and play in the classroom.

Expressive Arts and Design



This term, our artwork will be based around colour mixing. The children were very interested in this last term and loved mixing the different paints on the creation station. Therefore, we have planned a unit of work around mixing the primary colours and shades to see what new colours can be made.

Our drama activities this term will be based on role-playing the story of the *Gingerbread man*. We will also be baking and decorating our own gingerbread men.

The classroom and outdoor environment is always set up for the children to explore a range of creative activities including role-play, cutting and sticking and painting.

Physical Development



The children will be excited to hear that we will have Mr Jeffries for PE on Mondays this term! Mr Jeffries is a PE specialist who teaches Games to each class throughout the year. Mrs Turner and/or Mrs Harris will also be present in the PE lessons. In PE, Mr Jeffries will be teaching the children a range of games that helps them to practise fundamental skills such as finding a space, travelling with an awareness of others, throwing and catching.

Mrs Williams will be leading gymnastics this term and will be teaching the children the 5 basic gym shapes - pike, star, tuck, straight and straddle.