

We try to make your child's school environment as exciting and stimulating as possible and this requires a lot of resources. We would be very grateful if you have any of the following items at home, which you could bring in for us to use:

- ◆ Sheets and blankets
- ◆ Discs of wood
- ◆ Wool, buttons and fabrics
- ◆ Guttering and crates for large outdoor construction.
- ◆ Junk modelling materials (cardboard boxes, plastic bottles, tubs, drink bottle lids etc.)

We often find smaller items make more interesting models. Please **do not** bring in anything that has contained **nuts** as we have children in school with nut allergies.

If you have anything else you think we might be able to make use of, please come and talk to one of the Reception staff.

Thank you

Reception Topics

Throughout this academic year the children's learning will be based around a single topic per term, as well as their individual interests. We will send home a detailed topic jigsaw at the start of every term. The details may be subject to change but the topics will be as follows:

Autumn Term

Community Review

Getting to know each other and establishing class relationships, rules and routines combined with Sex and Relationship Education.

Potty About Harry!

This topic will be based on JK Rowling's famous stories about the boy wizard, as it is twenty years since Harry became a national treasure.



Christmas

During the final 2 weeks of the Autumn Term we will be celebrating Christmas. Reception will be performing a Nativity and will also be taking part in a joint Christmas singing celebration with Little Love Lane.



Spring Term

Happy Birthday England.

We will celebrate 1000 years of England as the country became united under one ruler, the start of a long journey ultimately to the United Kingdom and what we now call British Values.



Easter

We will spend the last week of term on the Easter story and Easter related activities.

Summer Term

Be Free

This is to celebrate Nelson Mandela's 100th birthday and in his own words, 'to be free' is not merely to cast off one's chains but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedoms of others.



Community Review

A chance to celebrate achievements throughout the year and prepare the children for Year 1.

Reading

It is very important that children should enjoy stories, rhymes and reading as much as possible and we would love you to support your child with this. They will enjoy this special time with you and it will really help develop their skills. Please make sure your child's reading record is in school every day and that you write in it when they share a story with you or another family member at home. Reading does not have to be their school reading book! Story books, information books, comics and magazines, labels and signs are all excellent ways to motivate young readers.

Home Learning Grid

Each term, we will send home a home learning grid that will help to extend your child's learning beyond the school environment with topic based activities. Each of these activities are linked to an area of the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile. These activities are designed for you to do with your child and we would love them to bring in any home learning as and when they do it, or share it with their class teacher via Tapestry.

Family Meetings

At the start of the Autumn Term, we will be holding a family meeting to share information about Tapestry and the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile. We will then hold curriculum workshops and information evenings to support you with home learning. These will predominantly focus on Literacy and Mathematics.