



Reception Summer Newsletter 2021

Hello! A new term is upon us and we are eager and excited to continue our learning ☺

Curriculum

Literacy

Our focus books for Summer 1 are:

- We're Going on a Bear Hunt
- Pirates Love Underpants
- On the Way Home

Through these 'adventure' themed books, we will focus on creating stories for verbal and written storytelling.

Our focus books for Summer 2 are:

- Billy's Bucket
- The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch
- The Train Ride

These books focus on summer and journeys, which will link to our Jigsaw sessions and prepare children well for transition.

Within **Maths**, we will embed knowledge of teen numbers and their composition, continuing to use resources such as tens frames and part whole models. We will also focus on adding, subtracting, doubling, halving and sharing.

We have already practised a range of skills in **Expressive Arts and Design** such as; printing with different materials, collage, colour mixing, using different media, attaching with different materials and box modelling. This term we will focus on observational drawings, wax resist, team designing and building, drama and continue with our weekly music sessions.

As part of our **Understanding the World** curriculum area, children have loved using the school laptops and working on Minimash, they are now much more confident at logging on and navigating the software. We will continue to work on the laptops, improving our skills and saving work. As part of 'The World' strand, children have enjoyed exploring the outdoors, focusing on seasonal change, growing and changing, shadows and textures. This term we will do more experiments, looking at changing materials.

As part of 'People and Communities' we have explored similarities and differences amongst themselves and peers and we will continue to learn about those this term.

Twitter

Don't forget to follow our school's Twitter page (@RiseParkSchool) to keep up to date with all that is happening around school. You will be able to see photos from Reception as well as other year groups and it is a lovely way of seeing what your child has been up to. You can also see more on our class page on the school website.

Book Bags

Children need to bring their book bag to school **every day** to enable them to be independent with personal belongings. It also makes it much easier for when children read with staff in school. Having their bag allows them to keep letters, work and reading diaries together, making it easier for them at home time. Please check your child's book bag every day.

P.E.

P.E continues to be every **Thursday**. Our PE is outdoors. Kits should include white t-shirt, black shorts/joggers/leggings and trainers/plimsolls. Children can also bring a jumper/zip up.

Please remember no jewellery on PE days including earrings.

Knowledge Organisers and Home Learning

Knowledge organisers linked to each book will be sent home as we start the story. Please take the time to share these with your child to enable them to embed and apply knowledge from this within school.

As you already know, we send home phonemes, tricky words and a sentence challenge each week for phonics – encourage your child to revisit these each day, as the practise will be so valuable in consolidating their phonemic awareness, which will help with reading and writing.

We will also send LetterJoin homework, to support children's handwriting skills.

Weather

We will (hopefully) enjoy much warmer weather during this term. As always, please make sure children are prepared for this by bringing a named sun hat to school. We have sun cream dispensers in school which children can apply themselves. If you would like to bring in your own sun cream, please ensure it is named. Please be aware – **staff are not permitted to apply sun cream**.

Water Bottles

Please can you send your children with a **named** water bottle to school every day to ensure they have free access to a drink whenever needed.

It's the last term of Reception – transition will begin and will be gradual to meet the needs of all learners.

Thank you for your continued support

Miss Rose
Miss Haynes

Mrs Payne
Miss Paling

Mrs Bowyer
Miss Sandhu

Mrs Garratt

Miss Doleman