

Physical Development - There will be plenty of opportunities to practice both gross and fine motor skills both inside the classrooms and outside. We will be using the wheeled vehicles outside. These consist of balance bikes, 2 wheeled scooters and small 'cars' which need steering carefully and lots of stamina to keep them moving! The children will continue to build on their catching skills in their sessions with Mr Croucher. The children will be also having a football session on a Monday morning this term with a football coach.

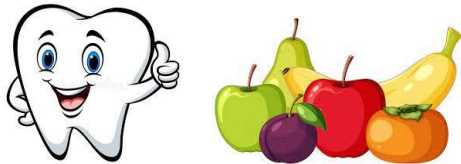
Happy New Year to you all!
Welcome back to Reception and our exciting Spring Term. We are looking forward to the days lengthening as the winter draws to a close and we will look for any early signs of spring.

Our PE days are Monday and Friday this term. Please send in your child's PE kit, which they can leave on their pegs.

Social and Emotional Development - This term we are focusing on using kind words, being respectful of others and learning about our school value, which is HOPE. We will continue our Jigsaw activities around 'Dreams and goals'.

Expressive Arts and Design - We will be constructing houses for the 3 Little Pigs, making salt dough food for our class bakery and decorating our own home baked gingerbread. As part of our learning of the three little pigs, we will be acting out the story with puppets and our own action of choice.

Understanding of the World - We will be learning about our bodies and how we can eat healthily. We will be spending time learning about our teeth and how to look after them and keep them clean. We will be thinking about special places in RE and visiting the church. We will be learning about different types of homes and making homes for the three little pigs then testing them to see which is the strongest. We will also be looking at the changing seasons in our school garden.



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Marvellous Me!!



Communication and Language – This term we are focusing on Traditional Tales and will be learning to retell the story of the three little pigs. We are going to create our own story maps of the story and then label them using our phonic knowledge. We will be listening to lots of stories and rhymes this term. The children will continue with 'show and tell' and take turns to take the class teddy bear home and then share their time with the bear with the rest of the class.



Reading and phonics- The children are continuing to make good progress within their daily phonics lessons. Your child will continue to bring home a phonically decodable book. We will also continue to give your child a shared reading book for you to enjoy with your child. Please continue to write in your child's reading record when you hear them read and ensure your child brings in their book bag every day. Please hear your child read at home as often as possible.

Literacy- This term's focus texts are 'the three little pigs', 'We've all got belly buttons', 'Around the world' and 'The body book'. We will continue to develop our phonic skills and use our 'fred fingers' to write words and simple statements.

Mathematical Development – This half term we will be ordering numbers to 5 and looking at the composition of numbers up to 7. We will compare sets and make unequal sets equal. We will continue to practise our subitising and counting skills.