

# Reception Learning Letter

Reception Summer 2

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Hello and welcome back. We hope you had a lovely half term.

We've got lots of exciting opportunities planned for your child this half term and we are sure your child has lots planned too!

We are going to cherish these last few weeks with your child in Reception and help them transition to Year 1.

Reception Team

Responsible

## Important information for you

- The register closes promptly at 9:00 a.m. Should you arrive after this time you will need to sign your child in at the office. Please do make every effort to attend on time as we begin our day with a phonics lesson.
- Snack money continues to be £1 per week or £7.50 for the half term.
- Book Bags –Books will continue to be given out on a Friday and should be returned on a Wednesday. **There will be a charge of £4.75 (per book) for books that are not returned to school.**
- **PE days will now be on a Thursday. Children may come to school in their PE kit.**
- As we enter the summer months' **children will need to wear sun cream on hot and sunny days and bring a clearly labelled water bottle.** You may also wish to provide a sun hat.

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## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

The topic this half term will focus on feelings as we begin our transition journey to Year 1. We will focus closely on the Zones of Regulation and discuss how we feel about the changes coming up; worries and fears, and feelings of excitement for what is to come.

Children will have the opportunity to visit the Year 1 classes and ask the staff questions about the new year group. We will work hard to ensure that your child feels secure and confident with the new and exciting adventures that await them.

In class we will reflect on how we have all grown and developed over the year: from what we have learned to what we have enjoyed the most.

This will be a special time of celebration.

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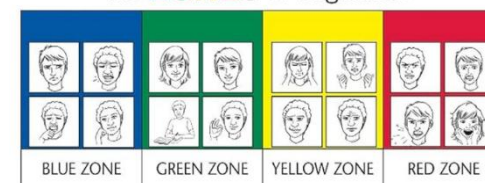
## Communication and Language

This term, children will be given the opportunity to listen to a variety of stories and practice asking and answering how and why questions about them in full sentences.

Children will be encouraged to express themselves effectively and show awareness of listeners' needs in weekly circle time.

Children will practice developing narratives in their play by connecting and explaining their ideas.

The **ZONES** of Regulation



### Physical Development

This half term we will continue to develop children's gross motor skills particularly using our outdoor setting. We will also continue with our PE lessons in the hall where we will be experimenting with different ways of moving.

In class, we will continue to develop their fine motor skills using lots of funky fingers activities and the correct formation of letters.

We will continue to reinforce good practices for children's hygiene as well as providing opportunities for personal care, such as putting on their own waterproof suits and wellies for working in messy areas outside.

### Literacy

Children will continue learning phonics, applying what they have learnt within their reading and writing. Children will also continue reading with class teachers at the appropriate level. Children will be encouraged to read and understand simple sentences, and demonstrate understanding about what they have read.

Our books for literacy this term will be 'Supertato', 'The Growing Story' and 'A house for Hermit Crab' - these will be the hook for many writing opportunities.

Writing this term will focus on children writing sentences and making phonetically plausible attempts at spelling words. Children will be encouraged to use the correct punctuation when writing a sentence.

### Mathematics

This half term we aim to consolidate children's knowledge of composition up to 20 using skills of subitising and looking at numbers in a variety of everyday activities such as money and time.

Children will order numbers in different ways using everyday materials, numicon, number cards etc. They will be introduced to adding more than 1 and taking away more than 1 using number lines and counting resources. We will be investigating combining two groups of objects and counting how many there are altogether and exploring ways of recording what we have found out.

Children will discover counting patterns and shape patterns and use their mathematical reasoning to continue their patterns. We will also learn about odd and even numbers, and how we fairly share a number of objects.



### Understanding The World

Children will explore growth and change across our world. They will reflect on their own observations within the natural world such as changing seasons and vegetable plants.

Children will look at growth and change by investigating the life cycle of vegetables, and also look back on how we have changed throughout our lives.

Children will continue to learn how to show care and concern for the world around us in our ever changing outdoor environment.

### Expressive Arts and Design

During the half term children will be given opportunities to put into practice skills they have learnt throughout the year. We will begin a project of making puppets/superhero characters which the children will be able to plan, do and evaluate. We will review skills of joining a range of materials, colour mixing and construction to create structures and models. Finally, we will be study work by famous artists such as Henry Matisse and Georgia O'Keeffe, before creating our own in their style.

Children will continue following the Charanga music activities. This half term's theme is reflect, rewind and replay and we will learn compose our own songs whilst reflecting and rewinding some of our favourite songs that we have learnt of this past year.