

Summer Term at Marie Weller Primary School

Reception Newsletter

Meet the Team

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Key Dates

Please visit our School Calendar to see the events taking place this term:

<https://www.mariewelleracademy.com/events/>

Class Dojo

We will share whole year group information on Class Dojo. Throughout the year we will notify you on Class Dojo of simple tasks for your child to complete which you can upload to your child's account on Tapestry. This will also be used to share information with you.

Please let us know if you have any problems with Class Dojo.

Dear Parents,

We hope you have all had a fantastic Easter break and are looking forward to our last term here at MWPS. Summer term is always busy and exciting for the children!

We have some exciting events coming up... Sports Day and a class trip to Pizza Express! The children will also be continuing to build links with our friends at Nicholas Hawksmoor and joining them in events throughout the term.

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to come and see us!

Subject Overviews

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This term we will be focusing on the perspectives of others. We will be sharing how we are feeling and how to talk to others about our own feelings.

Circle times will continue, and this will be time for the children to share their thoughts and feelings with the class. This is a time where children all have the opportunity to contribute, practice their listening skills and build their confidence.

Thank you for continuing to share your children's achievements outside of school on Tapestry. This is a fantastic chance for the children to celebrate their own achievements and share these within the class. We will continue our Tapestry share on a Friday.

Communication and Language

During talk times the children will be encouraged to share their ideas around a variety of topics. They will also be encouraged to talk independently about topics of their choosing.

In our Literacy and Book Talk sessions, the children will continue to learn new vocabulary with the support of Grandma Fantastic. This in turn will support the children with their literacy skills.

Maths

Throughout our Maths inputs the children will be further developing their addition skills. We will be learning about subtraction, doubling, sharing, and halving. The children will also be looking at patterns and number bonds within the numbers 1-20 and beyond. They will be encouraged to use their mathematical knowledge to work out practical problems that involve combining groups of numbers. We will be focusing more on reasoning and deepening their understanding of number, shapes, and patterns.

PE

PE sessions will continue this term and we will be on a Wednesday. Please could we ask that PE kits are always in school. This half term the children will be learning a range of ball skills. These include: to move carrying a ball, to roll a ball with accuracy, to throw with accuracy, to bounce and catch a ball and to control a ball with the feet. In athletics, after half term, the children will learn to show a good ready position to run, to run over an obstacle, to jump, to leap and hop with control and to work as a team in a relay. All these skills will help us for Sports Day!

Please ensure your child has trainers in school as we hope to do PE outdoors if the weather improves.

Tapestry

Throughout the week you will have notifications to view new entries to your child's Tapestry journal, which will have been input by different adults in Reception.

In order for us to build a full picture of your child's interests and achievements, we would love to see what the children get up to in their spare time. Please feel free to continue to upload pictures, videos, or comments to your child's learning journal via the app or the website. These will also be used during our Tapestry Share sessions, where the children will have chance to talk about them. We will happily support you with how to use Tapestry if you are unsure.

What can I do at home to help my child?

- Ensure independence when dressing, particularly putting on socks/tights and doing up buttons.
- Discuss taking responsibility for their own belongings – please make sure items are clearly named!
- Practice reading activities frequently to support your child's confidence when reading.
- Share stories together, discussing beginning, middle and end.
- Discuss combining groups of objects using the language of 'add' and 'subtract', along with writing down the correct format.
- Encourage writing at every opportunity and use Tapestry to share this and any other achievements with us.
- Practice identifying 2D and 3D shapes and describe them by the number of edges and corners they have.

Physical Development

During our Literacy and Maths inputs, we will be looking at forming letters and numbers correctly. This will also support children in strengthening the children's gross and fine motor skills.

As our outdoor area is continuing to grow, the children will be accessing the outdoor area daily. There is a range of equipment that will support their gross motor skills, balance, and coordination.

Literacy

As we move closer to the end of the Reception year, the children will be encouraged to complete more 'table jobs' as a whole class and their carpet sessions will become longer.

The children will begin to use key features of narrative in their writing; creating simple sentences independently and using finger spaces, capital letters and full stops.

Phonics sessions will continue daily. This is where the children will be learning new sounds, recognising tricky words, and securing the sounds they already know. Please continue to share the 'Book Bag Books' at home with the children and share stories from home. During the Phonics lessons, the children will continue to focus on key skills when reading. They will be tracking with their finger, blending sounds, reading 'Red Words' and using their phonics knowledge.

In Book Talk, they will also be thinking about characters in stories, using the 'Fantastic' lenses to talk about the stories in more depth and describing back the events in stories.

Understanding the World

This term we will be observing the seasonal changes in our environment. We will also be comparing our town (Towcester) to other places in the UK. The children will be carrying out some investigations and making observations about the world around them. The children will begin to learn about ways in which they can help to look after and protect our planet.

They will also be learning about their body, how it works and how to look after it.

We will also be celebrating the Coronation of HRH King Charles III with a special day and learning about his family and journey to be our King.

Expressive Art and Design

The children will be taking part in our music lessons where we will be looking at making our own music and thinking about beat, rhythm, and pitch.

We will also be looking at a variety of artists and their work. We will look at using different techniques and use our art room to create individual and group pieces of work.

This is the term where we usually see the children really take off with their learning, so we are looking forward to sharing their successes with you!

With best wishes

The Reception Team