

Class: Reception
Term: Spring 1
Teacher: Mrs Chichon
Teaching Assistant: Miss Allen

Class bulletin:

The children have settled back into school after the Christmas break brilliantly! Our new topic this term is 'Terrific Tales' and the 'Theatre Role Play' is proving very popular. The children are now joining the rest of the school on the playground after lunch and for afternoon playtime too which they are really enjoying. Please could you make sure that your child has a coat, hat and gloves on colder days and that they can have a good try at putting these on themselves (and have-a-go at their zips too). If you have any queries, please just let me know at the beginning or end of the school day and I'll be happy to help.

Mrs Chichon

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This term we will be thinking about how to be responsible members of our class and school by helping with classroom 'jobs' and making sure we are looking after our resources and each other. We will also be learning how to cope when things go wrong (eg, *someone wants to play a different game, not being chosen, sharing our favourite resources*). Bertie Bear will help us with this during 'circle times' and we learn some fun ways to calm down and take a moment.



Terrific Tales



Please note:

- ❖ Parents evenings are being held this term on: Tuesday 15th February and Wednesday 16th February (email to follow)
- ❖ To order your child a delicious school lunch from Lataca, please visit:

<https://www.lataca.co.uk/>



Physical Development

We will continue to learn and talk about how to be healthy and safe at school and home (e.g. eating fruit and vegetables, being active, washing our hands). In our **Tuesday** PE sessions with our Sports Coaches we will be developing our gymnastic skills in the Hall by moving in different ways and using various apparatus to help us balance, climb and jump with increasing skill. We are very proud of how the children are learning to dress and undress independently for PE - a huge thank you for your support with this. On a daily basis, the children have free flow access to the outside environment where they can choose to use the scooters, climbing frame, create obstacle courses, construct with 'loose parts' play.

Weekly routines:

PE (kit needed) - Tuesdays
Library books - Thursdays
Reading books - Thursdays
Homework folders - Fridays



Communication and Language

During 'circle times' we are learning to speak with our 'talk partners', carefully paying attention to what they say. We are also being encouraged to greet those around us by saying 'good morning' or 'thank you' when someone does something kind. We are learning to speak in sentences when we answer questions and listen for longer periods of time during 'carpet sessions'. This term we will also be singing lots of new nursery rhymes and learning to retell traditional tales with our friends using puppets, props and story maps!



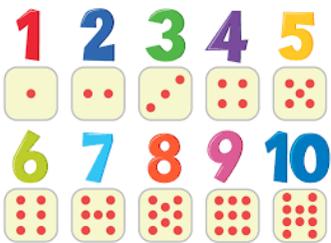
Reading

We are passionate about reading at Holy Trinity! Storytimes and library visits continue to be some of our favourite times. This term we will be becoming storytellers; learning the words and actions to tell familiar tales such as The Gingerbread Man and The Three Billy Goats Gruff. Storytelling is a fantastic way to bring stories to life and help children to develop a bank of stories that they can then use to create their own. Reading stories regularly to your children at home and listening to them read their decodable reading books helps them to become confident, life-long readers. Please remember to write a comment in their yellow 'reading record' when you have listened to them read at home. Below are some of the stories we will be reading in school this term.



Maths

This term we will be looking closely at numbers 0 - 8; working out one more and one less, adding up groups and finding out the totals, and exploring pairs, doubles and halves. We will also enjoy exploring capacity; filling up different sized containers and comparing quantities using 'nearly full, half full, nearly empty, half empty'.



RE

Our school value this term is:

Humility

Collective Worship is currently held daily in classrooms (until we can return to whole school gatherings).

Understanding the World

We will be exploring what 'the past' and 'long ago' means by looking closely at traditional tales and nursery rhymes. On our weekly welly walks we will investigate seasonal changes to understand what 'Winter' means. On frosty mornings we will search the outside environment to find out what has frozen overnight (often filling things up for Jack Frost to freeze!) and have a go at our own experiments to see how quickly we can melt ice. In RE, we will be learning about how different countries celebrate 'New Year' and use large maps and globes to see if we can find them and the UK.

Writing

We have been learning to write our names using cursive formation and the children should be very proud of their efforts! Every day in phonics lessons we practice writing words with the new sounds we are learning. This term, we will be working in small groups to write labels and short sentences (captions) using our phonics skills. In our play, we will continue to strengthen our funky fingers by joining in with lots of fine motor activities (eg, threading, giant chinks, mud and clay play, playdough, tweezer games).



Expressive Arts and Design

Every day the children have access to creative materials and activities such as oil pastels, chinks, paint, junk modelling, printing. This term the children will be learning to draw different animals, having a go at some experimental cooking and creating some crafts too. We will also be using 'loose part' resources to create story settings and enhance our story making. In Music, we will be learning new songs and trying out some percussion instruments too.

