

Kiwi Primary School

CURRICULUM INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Reception 'Growing' Spring Term 2 2024



Welcome to Reception

Welcome to Reception (EYFS) We are looking forward to an exciting term exploring our topic 'Growing'. In Reception we learn through teacher led and child led activities. During the day, there will be key whole class learning times for Phonics, Literacy, topic, and Mathematics. The children will then work on a range of teacher-led and child-initiated activities.

Homework in Reception

Homework will be daily reading and phonics. Your child has had flashcards sent home, please continue to practise these sounds and make words to blend. This will support your child with reading and writing. Your child's reading book will be changed electronically once a week after they have read it in class three times. All electronic books can be found on Collins E Books. Your child's login is in their reading journal.

PE

We take part in PE once a week, both Kaikoura and Kapiti have a lesson with Southampton Sports on a Monday afternoon, and if the weather allows, they will be outdoor sessions.

We will continue to use our outdoor area every day. As the weather is still very wet, please provide a pair of named wellies if possible. These will also be needed for our Forest Fun Fridays where we do all our learning outside. Children should have coats in school every day.

Spare clothes

Please can we ask that your child brings in some spare school uniform for any accidents. Please can you help us by making sure that all your child's clothes are clearly named, and they have a clearly named water bottle, thank you.

School website

Please use our school website <https://www.kiwi.wilts.sch.uk/> for regular updates and copies of letters sent home.

We hope you find this information useful. We are always happy to meet with you and discuss your child's progress over the year. Please feel free to come and speak to your child's teacher or schedule an appointment if you have any concerns. Thank you for your continued support to our school.

Many thanks,

The EYFS Team

Mrs S Lester - EYFS Lead - Kaikoura Class

Mrs L Moraan - Kapiti Class

Communication and Language

In term 4 children will be encouraged to extend their vocabulary further and will achieve this in a variety of ways. In our phonics lessons we will look at longer words and their meanings. We will be learning and reciting songs and stories, such as Jack and the Beanstalk, whilst adopting Makaton signs alongside- further extending their communication skills. Children will continue to develop their questioning skills through modelled language and STEM sentences such as I wonder if... and what happens when...

Physical Development

In terms four and five, Reception are lucky enough to have a PE session with Southampton Sports. In these sessions children will be learning to move in a safe way, negotiate space and some invasion games.

We will also continue to develop our fine motor skills in our provision, accessing small tools such as tweezers, scissors and playdough tools. Children will be encouraged to hold their pencils comfortably, and have correct letter formation modelled to them.

Children will continue to develop gross motor skills at every possible opportunity, focusing particularly on balance and dancing movements such as spinning and tilting.

Literacy

Phonics will be taught daily. Children are using the scheme of Little Wandle to learn their sounds, oral blending, word blending and reading 'tricky words'.

In Literacy we will be expanding our engagement with high quality texts that fit our theme of 'Growing' such as:

Jack and the Beanstalk, Jasper's Beanstalk and Owl Babies, linking also to Mother's (and others) Day.

Children will learn stories using Talk for Writing methods, such as learning signs and actions to retell orally. Children will then begin to write captions and short sentences to describe pictures using their phonic knowledge.

Maths

We will continue to develop our understanding of numbers between zero and ten. Children will be building numbers 9 and 10, subitizing them and looking at their composition. Children will develop their use of STEM sentences such as I wonder... and I know that... to explain their reasoning and understanding.

Children will continue to spot patterns in numbers, and use physical manipulatives such as numicon and tens frames to support this. It is important that children develop positive attitudes and interests in mathematics, look for patterns and relationships, spot connections, 'have a go', talk to adults and peers about what they notice and not be afraid to make mistakes.

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Class Dojo

Please continue to use Class Dojo to view photographs of your child learning. We also encourage parents to add their own experiences onto children's portfolios- we like to share these with your child and they are a brilliant talking point.

If you are not set up on Class Dojo please come and speak to us.

Understanding the World

In term four Reception classes will be looking for signs of seasonal change, and discussing what 'Spring' might look like. We will be venturing outside to look at leaves and flowers that are growing and commenting on what we notice.

We will also begin to look at life cycles of some plants and animals, such as a bean and a frog, and begin to understand that life cycles are continuous.

Reception class will also have experience in growing their own 'beanstalk' to bring home.

Expressive Arts and Design

Children will continue to explore different medias and will be encouraged to be creative in their provision time. With a focus on growing and Easter, children will create leaf rubbings, look at flowers such as sun flowers to make observational drawings and create prints using natural resources. We are also continuing to be expressive and imaginative in our play, taking on roles and creating songs and dances.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

In term 4, Reception will focus on relationships and how they will maintain them positively. We will also be learning to manage our feelings and using positive strategies. We will look into questions such as 'What makes a good friend?' and 'How can I calm down?'

We are continuing to encourage children to take turns, wait patiently, tidy up after themselves and use good manners at all times- following our school ethos of Ready, Respectful and Safe.

Enrichment Activities

World Book day- Thursday 7th March
Fire Safety Workshop – Friday 8th March

Reception Class Assembly – Wednesday 13th March
Stay and Do – Wednesday 27th March