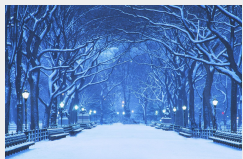


Reception: Spring 2024

Spring Term Topics



Winter



Maps and History

The Reception Team

Miss Yasmin – Class Teacher
Miss Asher – Early Years Educator
Miss Gigi- Learning support assistant
Miss Jamie – Learning Support Assistant
Miss Veronica- Learning Support Assistant

You can speak to us at the end of each school day in the playground or you can contact us through the school office by calling 0207 736 2318 or by sending an email to rec@academy.thomas-s.co.uk

Our School Uniform is important – please make sure your child is wearing the correct clothes and shoes and that they have the correct PE kit. Please ensure that every item of your child's school uniform is named with a sewn on label or permanent pen.

We are always looking for ways to improve our school – please feel free to contact the school office if you have any ideas or suggestions or if there is an issue you would like to discuss.

School Start Time

8:45am

School End Time

3:30pm

PE Days: **Monday** and **Wednesday**

Children should come dressed in their PE kit on these days.



Every day is vital – please make sure that your child does not miss school unless they are seriously unwell. Holidays in term time are not permitted. Please let the school office know if your child is absent.



Your child is expected to bring in their reading folder everyday so that letters and books can be brought home for you and your child to read.

It is vital that you take time to read with your child as often as possible. Your child will be bringing a reading book home to read daily, along with a reading diary to record comments about their reading in.



Your child will have an account on Tapestry where we put observations of your child's day as well as weekly roundups. You will also be able to upload what your child has been up to outside of school.

Key Dates

15th Jan- Martin Luther King Day

25th Jan- Burns Night

29th Jan- 2nd Feb- Aspirations Week and National Storytelling Week

5th- 9th Feb- Children's Mental Health Week

6th Feb- Safer Internet Day

12th- 16th Feb- HALF TERM

1st Mar- St. David's Day (Daffodil House wear a yellow accessory)

7th Mar- World Book Day

8th Mar- International Women's Day

10th Mar- Ramadan begins (Islam)

17th Mar- St Patrick's Day (Shamrock House wear a green accessory)

18-19th Mar- Parents Meetings

20th Mar- Creative Festival

25th Mar- Holi (Hindu festival)

27th Mar- Year 3 Class Assembly

28th Mar- END OF TERM (2pm finish)

In Reception our Understanding the World topics are fluid and do tend to change quickly as we follow the interests of the children. We have started the year learning about all things Winter. Then we will spend a few weeks focusing on traditional tales like 'The 3 Little Pigs',

In our **Winter** theme we are learning about:

- Clothing
- Polar animals
- Non fiction books about Winter season and polar animals
- Reading fiction stories (One winter day, a snowy day, the snowman)
- Winter season

In our **Spring, Easter, History and Geography** weeks we will be exploring:

- The past and reflecting on memories and experiences
- Exploring maps and differences between different environments
- Exploring the natural world
- Real chicks in the classroom
- Facts about Chicks life cycle
- Taking care of animals



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Role Play Resources

We are always keen for new resources if you are willing and able to donate any second hand items. We'd love to have a telephone, laptop, old mobile phones and extra dress up clothes for our role play area. Please get in touch if you can help with any of the above. We are also in need of more clean and recycled materials for junk modelling so please collect and donate if you can. Thank you!

<u>Literacy</u>	<u>Maths</u>
<p>We will be using our phonics sessions and the texts Three little pigs and The very hungry caterpillar to support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hearing and recognising initial sounds ● Sequencing a familiar story ● Letter formation ● Name writing ● Hearing the sounds in a word and blending them together, ● Three little pigs materials for houses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Measuring (Weight, height and size) ● Sorting 2D and 3d shapes ● Recognising 3D shapes and their properties ● Represent, order and explore numbers to ten. ● One more or fewer, one greater or less within ten. ● Days of the week, seasons ● Sequence daily events ● Explore addition as counting on and subtraction as taking away ● Counting and sharing in equal groups ● Grouping into fives and ten
<p>In Character Curriculum, we will be learning about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dreams and Goals ● Healthy Me 	<p>In Spanish, we will be learning about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Transport
<p>In PE, we will be learning about: Ball skills.. By learning how to play team games using lots of skills, We also look at our independent learning and how we can use different equipment to play different games. Next half term we will be developing our ball skills further.</p>	<p>In Art we will be learning about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Experimentation of tools & materials ● Chinese New Year, Animals and Habitat, Andy Warhol, ● Mark-making, observation and Exploration Focus skills: Fine motor, cutting, early observation skills Other skills explored: Printing, drawing, painting, building, folding, sticking