



Spring 1 2023 Curriculum Overview

Happy New Year to you all. We hope you had a lovely Christmas and enjoyed some family time.

The children have settled back into school ready for another busy term.

Reminder of things needed in school each day:

- named water bottle filled with water only please
- suitable warm coat

Activities for Home

Thank you for completing any activities sent home with your child or set on Seesaw. These activities consolidate our learning in school and give the children the opportunity to show you how hard they are working. Please continue to complete these with your child.

Reading in Owls

Thank you for support in helping your child on their reading journey. The children are growing in confidence as they take part in their reading sessions in school. Please read their decodable reading book several times during the week to help them develop their confidence in blending the words and reading words by sight. We will often send home the words from the book your child has read in school for them to share with you. Please encourage your child to read these too.

Well done to Nursery children for sharing your chosen story book at home. We hope you enjoy this special time where you can talk about the pictures and what you like about the story.

Phonics

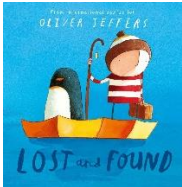
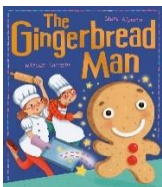
We are moving onto Level 3 this week and introducing new sounds. These will be sent home each week. Please practise the sounds as regularly as you can with your child. Encourage your child to also write the letter of the sound using the correct letter formation. Please refer to the Twinkl Letter Mat for the letter formation we are teaching in Reception. Thank you.

Keeping in touch

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions, queries or just need to update us with things that may happen away from school. You can a message us through Seesaw or email the office office@hutchinson.staffs.sch.uk We will get back to you as soon as we can either with a message or phone call if required.

Mrs Owen & Miss Johnson

Spring 1 – Curriculum Information

Topic	Focus texts	Rationale
Winter Traditional Stories and Rhymes	 	Through sharing traditional stories and rhymes, we will be learning about different environments and the season of Winter.
Communication and Language	We will be listening to and retelling stories using repeated vocabulary. We will share non-fiction texts to learn about different places and celebrations at this time of year. In doing so, the children will learn new vocabulary linked to the different celebrations and events.	
Personal, Social and Emotional	This half term we will be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Exploring the difference between right and wrong. ★ Developing our own independence as we find our own resources to complete simple tasks. ★ Reinforcing the importance of looking after our belongings and keeping our classroom tidy. ★ Learning how to keep our bodies healthy. 	
RHE	Theme – Keeping Healthy	
Physical	This term we will be continuing to use one handed tools correctly including scissors, pencils and paintbrushes. We will also be learning body management in PE.	
Literacy	N- will be making their own marks and beginning to give meaning to them. We will be focusing on the key concepts of print and sharing lots of stories. We will be developing our vocabulary when talking about objects, animals and places. R – will be learning new sounds in our phonics' sessions. We will be writing short captions, labelling a penguin and retelling stories.	
Mathematics	N- We will complete a variety of practical activities learning about weight and learning number songs. R – We follow the White Rose Maths Scheme. We will be learning about the composition of numbers and combining 2 groups. We will also develop our understanding of length, height and time.	

Understanding the World	<p>We will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Finding out about different environments and comparing them to Checkley. ★ We will observe ice and see how it melts as we attempt to free the penguins! ★ We will be learning all about Chinese New Year and how it is celebrated.
Expressive Arts and Design	<p>We will use different resources to make our own penguin pictures.</p> <p>We will learn to sew as we make a Gingerbread Man.</p>
RE	<p>N- Special Objects</p> <p>R – Why are some stories so special?</p>

Some activities for your child to try at home....



Make your own paper plate penguin



Bake some Gingerbread Men



Practise your letters



Help keep your bedroom tidy

Useful Websites

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/> - for fun phonics games

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/counting> - for fun maths activities

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b08bzfnh/numberblocks> - to consolidate our work in Early Number