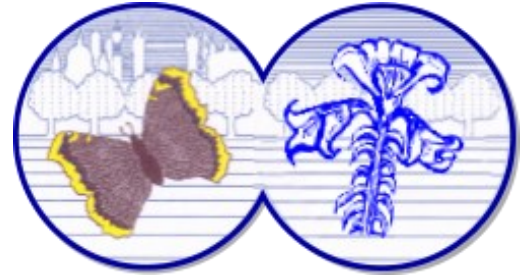


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CURRICULUM NEWS FOR THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

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Literacy Adventures in Outer Space and Beyond!

In Literacy lessons this half-term we are learning all about Space and Dinosaurs. We will be reading 'Man on the Moon' and 'Aliens Love Underpants.' We will also be reading information books and learning facts about both topics. In the second half of the term Reception children will be reading a variety of traditional fairy-tales including The Gingerbread Man, Jack and the Beanstalk, Cinderella and The Ugly Duckling. We will be writing information books, post-cards, letters and stories using sentences with high-frequency words, tricky words and phonetically spelt words. We will also be focusing on finger-spaces so that the children and others can read their writing.



Gathering Together for Religious Education

In R.E through the topic of Gathering we will be exploring how and why people gather together, the joy of gathering together and how we celebrate at Mass.

Through the topic of Growing we will explore Spring as a time when things begin to grow and recognise Lent as time to grow in love to be more like Jesus. Through the topic of Good News we will learn about good news and share it with our classmates. We will also be covering Pentecost: the celebration of the good news of Jesus.

[See R.E. Newsletter for more information](#)



News Flash!



This term lucky Reception children will be visiting the Unicorn Theatre, London Bridge to see 'The Polar Bears Go Wild.' We also plan to have a visiting Story Teller.

Maths Mania!

This term in Maths we will continue with counting and understanding of finding one more or less than a given number. In practical activities and discussion, children will be beginning to use the vocabulary involved in adding and subtracting. In Shape Space and Measures we will be learning about measuring length and weight.



In **Art** children will enjoy mixing colours with paints and learning how colours can be made darker and lighter. We will be creating with papier mache, marbling, weaving and paper craft.

In **Personal, Social and Emotional Development** the Reception children will be learning how to recognise and deal with different feelings including being shy, angry, excited, worried, happy and sad.

In the **Understanding of the World** area of learning we will be investigating floating and sinking with a raisin and lemonade experiment and exploring light and dark, the job of an astronaut, facts and features of dinosaurs and learning how to conduct a volcano experiment. The children will also be embarking on a 'Technology in the Environment' walk in our local environment.

We will be exploring the concept of time and use everyday language related to time as well as exploring money through shop role play and other fun activities.