

Home School Guide – Spring 1 2021

Tiny Bees – Reception Class



Theme/Topic: We're Going to Catch a Big One!

Happy New Year! We hope you have had a lovely Christmas. This term we are we are going to be learning about the natural world using our senses and exploring how environments can be different to the ones we live in.

Areas of learning

Communication and Language <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Listening and Attention• Speaking	Throughout the day your child will have a range of opportunities to develop their communication and language skills. This will be both during adult initiated activities and also through child-initiated activities during continuous provision. This area of learning is weaved into all the areas of learning.
Personal, Social and Emotional Development <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Self-Regulation• Managing Self• Building Relationships	During this term your child will be supported to build upon their friendships through a range of activities and also be supported to become independent learners. Our Jigsaw topic this term is Dreams and Goals, your child will learn about challenging themselves to never give up when trying reach a goal or a dream We continue to learn Lily Parks Golden Rules 'Ready, Respectful and Safe', children will learn this throughout the Early Years Provision.
Physical Development <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gross Motor Skills• Fine Motor Skills	Your child will develop their gross and fine motor skills in a range of ways. This includes access to the outdoor environment where children can run, climb and ride bikes etc. In the classroom environment your child will participate in daily dough disco to strengthen the muscles in their hands, develop cutting skills and enhance this in continuous provision. Your child will also take part in a weekly PE lesson with a PE coach.
Literacy <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Comprehension• Work Reading• Writing	In literacy, children will develop their 'Talk for Writing' skills and begin to innovate familiar stories. They will be learning stories such as 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt.' They will also be looking at some non-fiction texts and learn about different types of bears. Children will also have the opportunity to learn poetry about bears. Your child will continue their journey of becoming a reader. They will participate in two daily focused phonics lessons and will have the opportunities to continue this learning during continuous provision time. Your child will be provided with a range of opportunities to make marks and develop their early writing skills throughout the day with a focus on writing words and captions.
Mathematics <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Number• Numerical Patterns	In Maths, children will begin their early mathematical development through teacher lead activities and through child-initiated learning opportunities. They will gain a greater understanding of number and place value working with numbers to 10, they will have a range of opportunities for representing and comparing objects and numbers. They will also be learning how to compare weight and capacity as well as measuring length and height.
Understanding of the World <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Past and Present• People, Culture and Communities• The Natural World	This term your child will learn about the Chinese New Year Celebrations. They will also be learning about how other environments can be different to the environment they live in. Your child will learn about bears and the different environments bears live in. They will also get the opportunity to explore their local environment.

Expressive Arts and Design <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating with Materials • Being Imaginative and Expressive 	Your child will be able to access a range of resources for them to explore and investigate. They will have opportunities to make models using different techniques. We will continue to have a home corner this term, with a particular focus on recipes. Our role play area will be an explorer's den and a bear cave!
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Things to remember

- Please ensure all your child's clothes including PE kit are **clearly labelled**
- Classroom doors will open at 8.30am and close at 8.40am
- PE is on Thursday this half term – Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit.
- Book bags to be in school every day.

Websites to access

www.purplemash.com

Class Dojo: Remember you can contact your child's class teacher through class Dojo. Your child's teacher may also send messages on this app.

Tapestry: We use Tapestry to record your child's learning journey. Please ensure you have signed up to Tapestry as you are able to upload any home learning. It is important that we work collaboratively as this helps build a shared understanding of how your child can reach their full potential.

Key Dates

School reopens on Monday 4th January 8.30am

Monday 18th January - Film Night in class bubbles 3.00pm – 5.00pm

Friday 29th January - Huddersfield Town Wear it Blue Day and Raffle (charity for the Town Foundation which run our breakfast club)

Friday 29th January - Bags for Schools collection

Friday 5th February – NSPCC Number Day

Thurs 11th February - Valentines Class Discos (more details to follow)

Friday 12th February – last day of term normal finish time

School reopens on Tuesday 23rd February

