



COLWICH CE PRIMARY SCHOOL



Reception Spring Term Overview

We are very excited for our Spring term with so many lovely opportunities for learning and fun. We will be Exploring Space, the seasons and of course, looking at the celebration of Easter. We will be exploring the outdoors, diving into some exciting texts in drawing club and celebrating Mother's Day. Take a look at the learning opportunities below to see what else we will be doing in school.

English

Some of the books we will look at this term are:



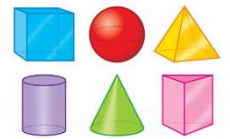
- Penguin
- We're Going on a Bear Hunt
- Whatever Next
- The Three Billy Goats Gruff

In phonics, we will be looking at phase 3. We will learn about digraphs (two letters, one sound) and will begin to read and write words containing them. We will move on to writing words and phrases.

Maths

We will be using Mastering Number to:

- Use the '5 and a bit' structure to look at numbers above 5 and their composition
- Count beyond 20 using one more
- Learn number bonds to 5 with quick recall
- Use the 10-frame to represent numbers
- Look at odds, evens and doubles



We will also:

- Explore length, height and time
- Look at 2D and 3D shapes

PE

- Children will need to come to school in full school PE kit on their PE day (Friday)
- We will be learning about coordination and dynamic balance with pirate fun this half term.
- We will be looking at gymnastics after half term.

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- What do Christians believe about Jesus?
- Why do Christians put a cross in the Easter garden?

Wider Curriculum

- We will look at forming letters correctly to begin to develop a handwriting style. We will use scissors to cut out simple shapes. We will develop skills including throwing, catching, kicking and aiming.
- We will retell stories, use new vocabulary throughout the day and listen carefully.
- We will explore different artistic effects. We will develop storylines in our play. We will sing and dance in a group.
- We will think about our feelings and the feelings of others. We will show perseverance in problem solving.
- We will think about images from the past. We will draw simple maps. We will think about environments that are different to ours.
- We will recognise that people have different beliefs and celebrations.
- We will explore the natural world and look at the changing seasons.



Useful websites

- <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/> Phonics Play has free games for **phase 2 and 3** phonics.
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b08bzfnh/numberblocks> We use the Numberblocks to support our Maths.
- <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?AgeGroup=1> Top Marks has lots of Early Years games and activities.
- <https://www.ictgames.com/> Maths and English games, some of these are great for using on a tablet.
- [Ways to Make - 4-6 year olds - Topmarks](#) Great for number bonds to 5 and composition of numbers to 10

How to support your child at home

Reading and homework expectations:

- Read every night with your child, encouraging them to read aloud.
- Sign your child's reading record at least once a week.
- Send your child's book into school every Monday to be changed.
- Phonics homework will be sent home every Monday



Other ideas:

- Talk to your child about what they have done and what they have enjoyed using the daily class dojo posts.
- Encourage your child to dress independently in the mornings. Encourage them to zip up their own coat (especially the longer coats!)