

Layston First School

Reception

Summer Term 2021



Loving to learn,
Learning to love,
For every child
A chance to shine.



Welcome to the summer term! We are looking forward to a term of active learning with our friends, particularly after last term's lockdown.

What will we be learning this term?

We will be continuing to help the children work towards their Early Learning Goals in Personal Social and Emotional Development, Communication and Language, Physical Development, Maths, Literacy, Expressive arts and design, and Knowledge and Understanding of the World. We will also be continuing to help children to develop the Characteristics of Effective Learning (CoEL).

Children will take part in maths and phonics learning every day, and will also take part in other small group activities. They will continue to have lots of time to explore, play and learn through Child Initiated Learning.

Maths - we will be exploring numbers to 20, even and odd numbers, learning to solve practical subtraction and addition problems, learning to double/halve and share, and continuing to develop our understanding of shape and measure.

Phonics - we will be learning the rest of the RWI Set 2 sounds, continuing to develop our reading (including red words), practising our letter formation, spelling words using our fred fingers, and 'holding' and writing sentences.

Core stories - in the first half term we will be focusing on traditional tales, and in the second half of term, we will encounter minibests and adventures

Other - in R.E. we will be looking at special places, and in PSHE managing relationships and change. We will look at lifecycles, seasonal changes to summer, and lots more. Learning will often be led by the children!

How will you help my child catch up any lost learning from last term?

The ethos of the EYFS is that we look at what children can do, and build on that. So, we will celebrate what your child is able to do now, and help them take their next steps from that point towards their early learning goals.

How will I know if my child has met their Early Learning Goals?

At the end of their Reception year, we complete the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile for your child. This will tell you if your child has achieved their early learning goals, or is still working towards them. It will also tell you a bit about how they show the Characteristics of Effective Learning in class. Please do not worry about this - the children have had 2 disrupted years, and although we would like every child to be achieving the best they can, the most important thing for them is that they are happy and settled in their school life.

What can I do to help my child?

Listen to them read - every day during the week if possible. Due to the pandemic, we will continue to give out books on a Monday, and take them in on a Friday. They will bring home their RWI book/sheets from the previous week's reading sessions (in the plastic wallet), and an unseen reading book or two. If they would like more reading books, please ask. Do be aware that they should read each book multiple times in order to increase fluency and word recognition, and that they should be able to read their RWI book/sheets well by the time they bring it home to share with you.

Enjoy bedtime stories together and talk about them. We will be starting to send home story books to share together again.

Practise counting (starting on any number, forward, backwards), and play lots of board games together.

Tapestry

Please do continue to keep an eye on Tapestry. Don't forget that we love to see what the children are doing at home too!

Forest School and P.E.

Forest School continues to be on **Monday**. Please make sure your child has A COAT with them whatever the forecast, as the weather can change suddenly. Please also make sure that your child has A HAT with when the weather is hot. Please apply SUNCREAM to your child in the morning before they come to school, as we are not able to apply it for them.

P.E. continues to be on **Friday**. Children need to come to school in their P.E. kit.

As always, please ensure everything is named, including socks and water bottles!

Medicines:

A reminder that if your child requires medication such as an inhaler or Epipen, please ensure that we have correct information about their current Care Plan needs and that the medication we have is correct and in date.

Finally - please make sure your child has their book bag with all their reading books in at school every day.

Remember we are here to help - please do not hesitate to contact us with any queries. Thank you.

Mrs Kelly, Miss Price, Miss Scott and Mrs Burton 😊