

# Spring Term – January to April 2023

## Reception at Lings Primary School!

The Spring term ahead of us is an exciting and engaging one. We are excited to continue to support your children as they continue their first year at Lings.

In Reception we follow a separate curriculum informed by the Development Matters framework. The curriculum is broken down into 7 areas of learning: Communication and Language, Personal, Social and Emotional, Physical (known as prime areas), and Literacy, Maths, Understanding the World and Expressive Arts and Design.

Attached is a breakdown of what we will be covering under each area of learning this term.

### A few important reminders:

- The playground gates and classroom doors will be open from 8:40am. Registration begins at 8:50. The doors will be closed at 9am. If you arrive after this time you will need to take your child to the main office.
- Please ensure all items of uniform are clearly named, including coats.
- Where possible, please make sure your child has a pair of wellington boots to keep at school as we access our outdoor provision in all weathers.
- Our outdoor area is always open, so please make sure your child has a coat suitable for the weather.
- PE day is Tuesdays – please send your child in their PE kit.
- Teachers will be available at the end of each day should you wish to talk to them. You may have to wait until most of the children have been dismissed.
- You can also email [Reception@lingsprimary.org.uk](mailto:Reception@lingsprimary.org.uk)
- Remember to check our facebook page for letters and weekend challenges!

### Reading

We encourage parents/carers to go through your child's reading book with them at least twice a week. Please make a note of the date in their yellow reading record. We would also love to know which non-school books you share together at home so please make sure you write those in too! Please make sure children's reading folders are in school every day.



### Lunches

If your child is having a school dinner, please make sure these are ordered in advance.

Children will have 20 minutes to eat their lunches. If your child will be having a packed lunch, please try, where possible, to make sure it is a healthy lunch. Avoid over filling them, children in reception need no more than 5 items.



Absences must be reported to the school office (01604 410369) before 8:30am each morning. If no one is available to answer your call, please leave a message clearly stating your child's name and reason for absence. If your child has been sick or has had diarrhoea, they will need to stay at home for 48 hours after the last time they were sick.

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## Communication and Language

Talking is an important part of our curriculum. During their learning children will be supported by adults in both their play and in adult led activities.

During 'Hoop Group, children will develop their confidence and vocabulary by speaking about a specific topic in a small group.

Our 'Terrific Talkers' will get special stickers at the end of the session.

## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Our focus for the Spring term is to build the children's independence, especially with dressing (coat zips) and their emotional literacy.

We will be discussing kind words and how we treat people and resources with respect.

In line with our focuses in Understanding the World we will be talking about differences between us and making comparisons between our lives and others.

## Physical Development

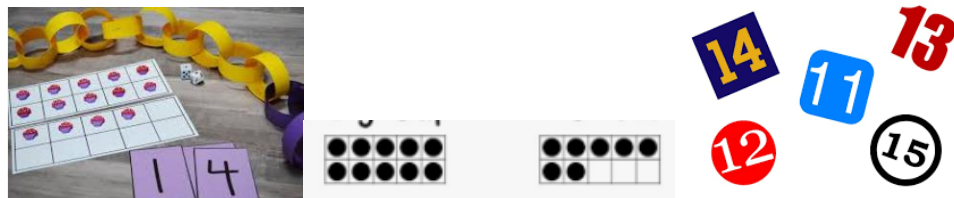
In PE children will have access to activities and equipment that support and develop both their fine and gross motor skills (small and large muscle movements), including writing and cutting. They will also work on their teamwork skills through games involving their ball skills.

## Expressive Art and Design

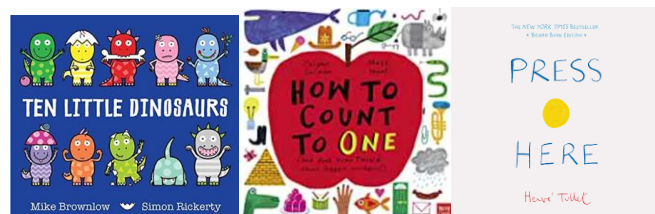
Children continue to have independent access to a junk modelling area, paint and chalk every day. In addition to this we will be teaching the children how to use scissors correctly and creating models based on a specific topics. An example would be a boat when we are learning about Shakespeare and Stratford Upon Avon

## Maths – 0-10 and shapes

The children have now learnt about numbers 0-10. This term we will be learning about numbers 10-20. They will be exploring how these numbers are represented, identifying quantities with accurate counting. In our shape work children will be exploring different shapes, their names and how many sides they have.



This term children will also be exploring counting and numerals through picture books. Not only will they develop this mathematical knowledge, but they will also expand their vocabularies.



## Literacy

Children continue with their daily phonics lessons where they will learn new sounds, how to blend them together to read words and segment them to write. Children

Children will read with an adult in school on a one-to-one basis at least once a week, with books coming home for you to support with reading at home too.

We strongly advocate the benefits of reading to children daily and your children will have the opportunity to enjoy books as a whole class and independently in our beautiful new reading area. Our books have been carefully chosen to ensure they are diverse, inclusive and highly engaging!



## Understanding the World

This term we will about William Shakespeare and the themes of the play 'Romeo and Juliet' (families, conflicts and resolutions).

Throughout the year we will be looking at the seasons and how the weather and environment changes. We will be exploring Spring this term and comparing it to Autumn and Winter.

