



Curriculum Newsletter for Reception

Lent term 2026

RE

Our current topic in RE is Galilee to Jerusalem. We are learning about Jesus's life and his mission on earth. Children will be learning about the characteristics of Jesus and how he loved everyone, These are some books you may wish to share at home - we are looking at these at school too.

'I Wonder' -

<https://youtu.be/LN-pV4yYIek>

When God Made You - Matthew Paul Turner

<https://youtu.be/RF90Pn6C-Ug>

Maths

This term, our maths focuses on building on foundational skills in maths, and learning new concepts. This includes:

- Number recognition
- Measurement
- Building numbers from 5.
- Revising our number bonds to 5.

We use interactive, fun and exciting strategies and games to build these foundations. We will share on ClassDojo new concepts so you can support at home.

Literacy and Understanding the World

In Literacy and Understanding the World, we are focusing on the following topics:

Space: We are learning all about space, specifically the different planets in our solar system. Children will develop new vocabulary to talk about their universe, and use this new knowledge to support creative and writing-based opportunities.

Winter: We are learning about all four seasons. This term, we are looking at Winter and how our natural world changes as the months are cold, especially what kind of clothes we need to wear!

Talk for Writing lessons will be focusing on the book, "The Tiger who comes to tea". Children will learn to re-tell the story through new vocabulary and actions, and then draw their understanding alongside developing early writing skills. Further writing opportunities will be provided through play and teacher-led activities. A video of this story is available through the following link: [🐯 The Tiger Who Came to Tea - Animated and Read Aloud for Kids](#)

Phonics lessons are occurring daily, and children will be learning the phase 3 sounds, which consist of diagraphs (two letters which make one sound). Children are also participating in **daily reading sessions** as a class, and 1:1 reading with their teachers. The texts used are both shared on ClassDojo, and additionally decodable books (linked to their reading ability) are continuing to be sent home each week. Please keep up the daily reading at home with your child.

Expressive Arts and Design

The children are exploring their environment, and accessing the creative materials to develop their expressive skills. Children will be creating space art, winter art, and junk modelling. Children have started Monday Music lessons where we learn fun songs, nursery rhymes, and build our musicality through instruments, singing and dancing.

Communication and Language

Literacy and phonics lessons encourage children to develop their comprehension and developing new, relevant vocabulary. Talk for Writing lessons support children's vocabulary and language skills by learning how to re-tell a story using actions.

Physical Education

This term, we will be focusing on Multi skills - led by Creative Sports Luton ! In this topic, children will be learning how to handle different balls, developing important skills such as throwing and catching, balancing, bouncing, and hand-eye coordination.

Personal, Social, and Emotional Development

Through play and teacher-led activities, children are developing their confidence to participate in new experiences. We have been engaged in small lessons focusing on how we are special and unique, and have individual talents and gifts. This is part of our RSE curriculum which is implemented throughout the whole school.

Weekly homework:

Reading with your children on a daily/regular basis is crucial for their reading development. Please read your with your child using the shared reader text, and the book they bring home. Please visit [Parent Portal \(fft.org.uk\)](http://fft.org.uk) for information on supporting your children with phonics.