



Welcome to The Winns Reception



Autumn 2



This half term the topic for the children's learning will be "Amazing Machines". Under this topic will children will be exploring different modes of transportation. They will gain an understanding of how these machines work and operate. We will also be reading a range of stories that contain a breadth of vocabulary and contrasting themes. Communication and language are at the heart of learning in Reception, we want all our children to feel confident communicating and expressing themselves. In Reception we will be developing communication skills by asking questions, modelling language and extending vocabulary. At home you can support your child's language by looking at pictures and asking questions and extending your child's vocabulary.

This half term to help children understand the world we will be developing a sense of their physical world and their local community. We will be visiting Lloyd Park to create observational seasonal drawings, collect autumn leaves for our artwork and discuss the changing seasons and physical features of a park. The children will learn about how to keep our green spaces clean and who helps us to look after our local parks.

This half term we will develop Maths skills by counting, recognising and representing numbers to 10 in a range of contexts. Children will have a deep understanding of number to 10 including the composition of each number. Children will start to understand the size of objects and will order in terms of size, we will also be ordering the three bears by measuring them. We will be looking at patterns using shapes and deciding which shapes are best for building strong structures.



To develop strength, balance and coordination children will complete obstacle courses set up outside. We will continue to work on fine motor skills by refining our pincer grip and using a range of small tools including scissors, paint brushes and cutlery. We are working on children's handwriting and ensuring that children form their letters correctly. We encourage children to start writing each letter at the top in one fluid motion. We follow the Read Write Inc. handwriting rhymes to help us to remember how to write each one.

To develop our literacy skills this half term children will be learning to identify which sounds correspond to which letters and how to blend sounds to read words. Children will be retelling familiar and new simple stories using their own words and new vocabulary. Children will be encouraged to anticipate key events in stories and will also be writing recognisable letters focusing on formation.

In Reception we will continue to focus on the children's personal social and emotional, skills by discussing book character's feeling and emotions and comparing them to our own and others. Children will be learning to regulate their own behaviour and give focused attention whilst working with an adult.

This half term children will begin bringing two books home each week. One book will be linked to your child's phonics lessons and will contain the sounds your child has been learning in school. The other book will be an aspirational library book that will help extend the children's vocabulary and excite their sense of imagination. Books will be changed every Friday. Please ensure your child keeps their books in their bag each day so they are able to read with adults in class. Each child will have a reading record book for both teachers and parents to fill in when reading with the child.

As part of our Art & Design learning children will be designing and making their own modes of transportation. We will be discussing the different features of each mode of transportation and how to best include it into our creations. We will be making our own boats and be having an experiment to see if our boats float or sink.

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