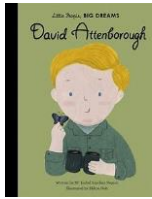
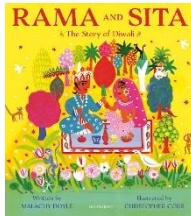
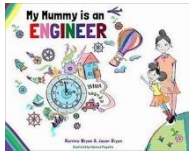


Year Group Information Sheet for Parents – Reception

Autumn 2



In Reception, our reading canon books are *My Mummy is an Engineer* by Kerrine Bryan and *David Attenborough* by Maria Vegara. Both of these books allow us to learn about different careers as we explore our enquiry question 'Who will I become?'

We will also be reading the Hindu story of Rama and Sita, and learning the Christmas story as this half-term will be full of cultural celebrations. Find out more details below!

In **English**, we will be learning to apply our sound knowledge to write CVC words, still focussing on forming our letters correctly. We will learn to write for different purposes, including an invitation, instructions and recount.

In **Mathematics** this half-term, we will be learning to compare amounts using mathematical language including 'least', 'fewer' and 'equal'. We will continue exploring different ways to compose numbers, looking at part-whole models.

In our Topic-driven afternoons we will be:

History

We will be looking at images from the past to make comparisons with modern-day life, such as how emergency vehicles have changed over time.

Geography

In Geography, we will be looking closely at seasonal changes and identifying changes within our local environment. We will learn why these changes occur and what impact they have on human and animal behaviour.

Science

In Science, we will be observing changes of state through baking as we make Diwali treats. We will also explore magnets and light bulbs, with the aim of using parts to make a bulb light up.

Art & Design

In Art, we will be studying the work of a local Pontefract artist, Rachel List. We will use her murals to inspire our own artwork. We will also learn how to use split pins to create moving parts, designing our own moving split pin people to represent different people who help us.

PSHE

In PSHE, we will be learning how to stay safe when crossing roads, particularly before our first school trip to Pontefract Library. We will also find out how to keep our bodies safe as we learn the NSPCC PANTS rule.

Music

In Music, we will be learning to sing and perform as a class as we rehearse our Christmas Nativity. We will also listen to and discuss Bollywood music as we celebrate Diwali.

RE

In RE, we will read the Hindu story of Rama and Sita and appreciate how Hindus celebrate this religious event; creating our own Rangoli patterns and Diya candles. We will also learn the Nativity story and find out how Christians celebrate this special time of the year.

PE

Our lessons this half-term will allow pupils to develop their balance, running and stopping with control, changing direction, hopping, jumping and landing safely. PE will remain on a **Tuesday** – please send indoor PE kit.

You can help your child's learning by:

- ✓ Talking to me about the topics I've been learning in school.
- ✓ Reading me a story at bedtime and talking to me about it.
- ✓ Helping me practise my sounds/blending/reading each night.

Homework:

Your child is expected to read at home daily for 5 – 10 minutes. Your child will be given reading material suitable for their current stage. This may include:

- QR codes with links to phonics videos to teach your child the sounds.
- Blending practice sheets to support oral blending
- A reading book with printed words

Reception Teacher: Miss Brook

Other adults: Mrs Lane, Mrs Spence and Mrs Abdy

Please write a comment in your child's Reading Record and return these on Mondays and Fridays so new reading material can be provided.