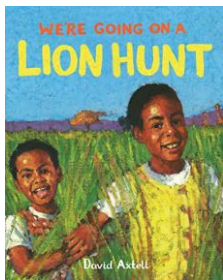
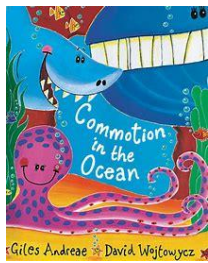


Year Group Information Sheet for Parents – Reception

Summer 1



In Reception, our reading canon books are Commotion in the Ocean and We're Going on a Lion Hunt.

This half-term our enquiry question is 'I wonder who shares our world?' Both of these books allow us to explore life beyond Pontefract and will be used to inspire our learning across all curriculum subjects.

Find out more details below!

In **English**, we will be reading poetry as we try to work out which creatures will join our class tank. We will perform poems to our peers. We will learn to write narratives as we change the animal character in 'We're Going on a Lion Hunt' to make our own versions of the story.

In **Mathematics** this half-term, we will continue to focus on sharing amounts into equal groups. We will also learn to recognise different coins and notes to pay for different amounts, in order to develop our understanding of money.

In our topic-driven afternoons we will be:

History

We will look at how the seaside and family holidays have changed over time, reflecting on trips we have taken ourselves. We will learn about Nelson Mandela and discuss why he is an important historical figure.

Geography

In Geography, we will learn to name and describe physical features of the seaside, using vocabulary such as 'shore', 'cliff' and 'pier'. We will compare Pontefract to a seaside town, before comparing our home environment to African life.

Science

In Science, we will investigate floating and sinking; testing different materials, recording our findings and considering whether changing the shape of an object changes the result. We will then compare hot and cold climates in a variety of different habitats.

Art & Design

In Art, we will be looking at the work of artist Esther Mahlangu and using her work to inspire our own artwork. In DT, we will build and test boats which float, as well as learning to weave.

PSHE

In PSHE, we will revisit online safety and the PANTS rule. We will also learn about water safety and learn some techniques for managing our feelings as part of Mental Health Awareness Week.

Music

In Music, we will be listening to African call and response music. We will join in with call and response songs, vocally and using instruments.

RE

In RE, we will learn about the importance of equality and how this works within our classroom and school environment.

PE

Our lessons this half-term will focus around the 'Games' unit. We will develop our throwing and catching skills, as well as our school value of teamwork.

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.

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