

The Phoenix Primary School & Nursery

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Reception

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child to Reception. Please find below some helpful information for supporting your child this year.

Your Reception Team

Miss Giles - Wren class and EYFS lead

Miss Nimako - Starling Class

Miss Rackham - Robin class

Mrs Curtis, Mrs Hopper, Mrs Bates, Miss Lee, Miss Simons, Mrs Byford, Mrs Ghafoor.

Reception Email

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher or the Year Group Lead, by using the following email address: yearr@phoenix-pri.essex.sch.uk

Class Assemblies/Productions

Nativity:

Wednesday 2nd December

Thursday 3rd December

Monday 22nd March - WREN

Tuesday 23rd March - STARLING

Thursday 25th March - ROBIN

Trips/Visitors

Laindon Library:

Monday 5th October - 9:30

Tuesday 6th October - 9:30

Monday 12th October - 9:30



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Welcome Wednesday

Please see separate letter with regards to dates for these sessions.

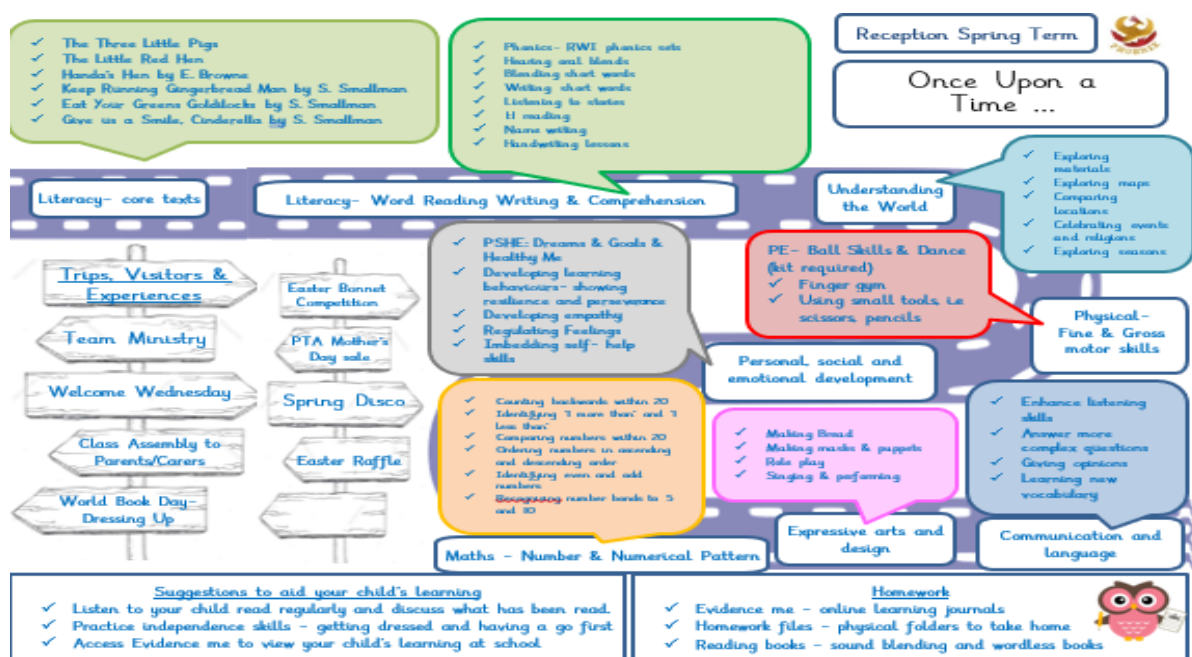
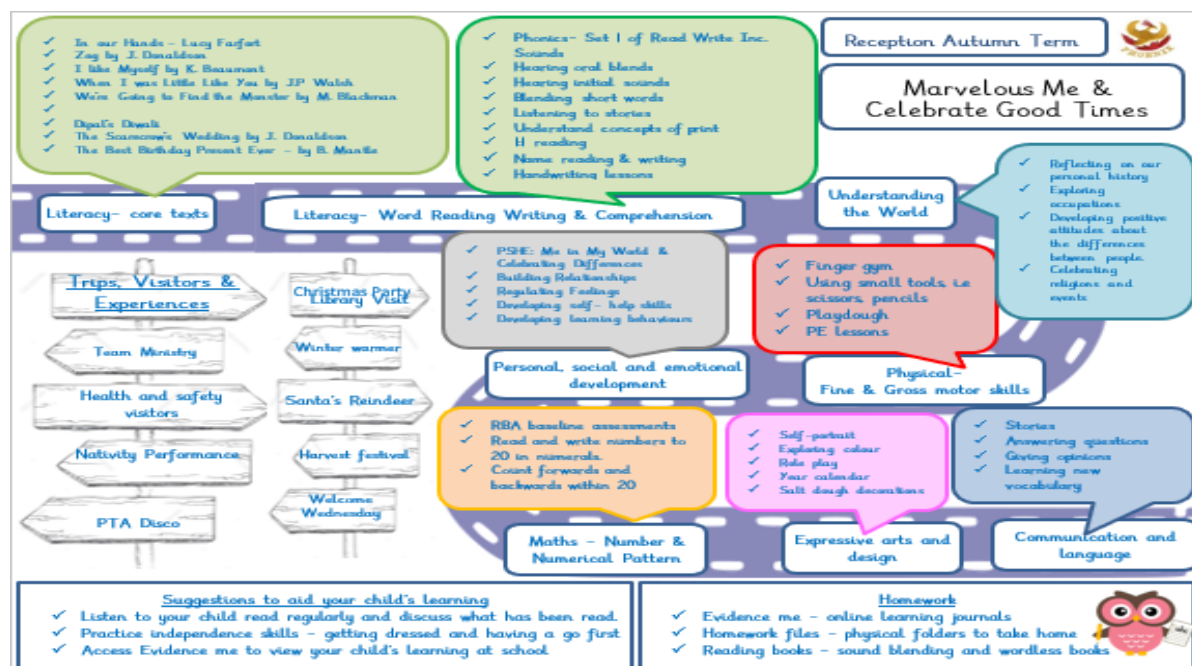
RWI Parent meeting

Tuesday 15th September 2:30pm - KS1 hall. Side entrance.

Please come along to our Reception parent information meeting to find out about our RWI phonics scheme and how to support your child with this at home.

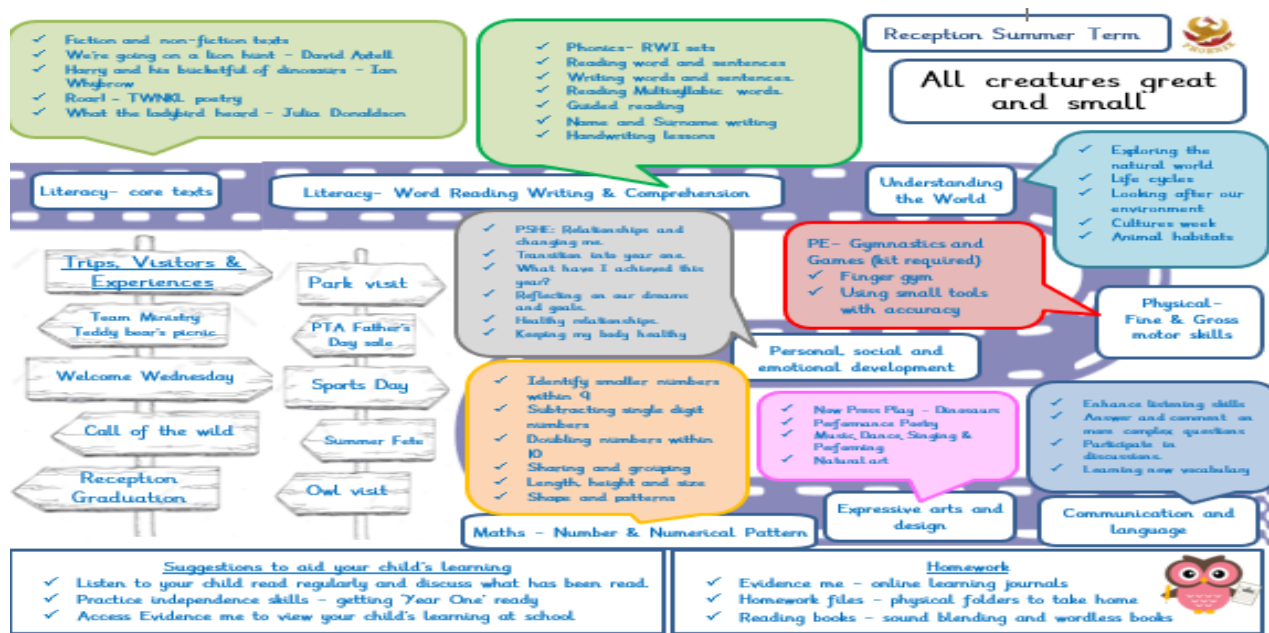
Planning Overview

Please find below the Reception curriculum maps detailing your child's learning for the year.



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Homework

A letter will be sent in due course regarding homework in Reception.

Read Write Inc.
Phonics

Reception Baseline.

Each child in our Reception cohort will take part in the RBA - Reception Baseline Assessment. The RBA became statutory in schools in September 2021. It is an activity-based assessment of pupils' starting points in:

- language, communication and literacy
- mathematics

The RBA is a short, task-based assessment. It is not used to label or track individual pupils.

As a school we are required to carry out the assessment within the first 6 weeks of pupils starting reception. No numerical score is shared; the data will only be used at the end of year 6 to form the school-level progress measure. However, teachers will receive a series of short, narrative statements that tell them how their pupils performed in the assessment. These can be used to inform teaching within the first term. We are very excited for the upcoming academic year, we hope you are too!

Yours faithfully,

The Reception Team

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