



At Fairview, our school values underpin everything we do and are core to the ethos of our school. Our aim is to develop a community of **creative** and **responsible** learners who not only demonstrate **collaboration** and **perseverance** in their work, but who also show **kindness**, and **respect** towards one another.

*Fairview Community Primary School
Termly Newsletter*

Reception - Term 4

We have had so much fun this term learning all about dinosaurs and space!

We started the term with our critical question 'I wonder what the world was like when there were dinosaurs?' The children enjoyed learning about carnivores, herbivores and omnivores and found the topic very interesting. Some of the children have since decided they would like to be Palaeontologists when they grow up!

We then learnt about space, answering the critical question 'I wonder what is in space?' We learnt about planets, stars, meteor showers and rockets! We loved visiting Mr G's space dome where we watched the story of Astronaut Ted who wanted to know which planet to plant his flower on. We then enjoyed a fantastic 'Space Day' where we made planets, navigated an obstacle course, made space biscuits and danced to music at a disco!



Next term we will be learning about Lunar New Year, Life Cycles and Growing. We will have some tiny, fluffy visitors arriving too. Can you guess what they are?...

We will also be celebrating World Book Day and exploring the whole school text 'The Last Wolf'.

The Reception Team

<i>Maths</i>	<i>Literacy and Theme</i>
<p>We use NCTEM: Mastering Number to support our Maths Learning in Reception. During term 4 we will cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Counting, ordinality and cardinality – Focus on the 'staircase' pattern and ordering numbers • Comparison – Focus on ordering of numbers to 8 and using language of less than • Composition – Focus on 7, doubles and odd and even numbers 	<p>For Term 4, these are our new critical questions and how it relates to our 'home, near and far' curriculum:</p> <p><i>I wonder how the Lunar New Year is celebrated?</i></p> <p>Home – Is the Lunar New Year celebrated by people in Medway? Near – Do people in the UK celebrate the Lunar New Year?</p>

Phonics

We follow the Essential Letters and Sounds (ELS) Scheme to teach Phonics in Reception.

We have now learnt the following GPC's:

Term 1: s a t p i n m d g o c k ck e u r ss h b f ff l ll

Term 2: j v w x y z zz qu ch sh th ng nk ai ee igh oa

Term 3: ar ur oo (book) oo (moon) or ow (town) oi ear air ure er ow (snow)

We have learnt the following HRS words:

Term 1: I, the, no, put, of, is, to, go, into, pull, as, his

Term 2: he, she, buses, we, me, be, push, was, her, my, you

Term 3: they, all, are, ball, tall, when, what

In Term 4 we will not be learning any new sounds (GPC's) and will instead be focusing on applying all previously taught sounds to our reading and writing.

We will learn the following HRS words:

said, so, have, were, out, like, some, come, there, little, one, do, children, love

It would be extremely beneficial to ensure your children are confident recognising, recording and blending the sounds we have previously learnt. We highlight the sounds and HRS words your child knows following each termly assessment. Please speak to your class teacher if you have any questions or need any support with this.

You can help your child practise the sounds they have been learning at school. Follow this link to check how the sounds should be pronounced:

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/please-log-in>

Far – How is the Lunar New Year celebrated in China?

I wonder what a life cycle is?

Home – Human life cycles – how we grow and change over time

Near – Life cycle of a duck

Far – Other life cycles – frogs, caterpillars, plants etc.

I wonder what a plant needs to grow?

Home – What plants can I see in my garden/in school?

Near – Learning about plants and trees and what we might use them for (vegetables, fruits, materials).

Far – What do plants look like in different parts of the world?

We will continue to introduce new high-level vocabulary through our 'word of the day'

Here are some of the texts we will be sharing with the children next term:



Messages

Forest School

Next Term the children will be starting Forest School once a fortnight on a Wednesday. This means children will be taking part in PE and Forest School on the same day, so please look at the weather and ensure children have appropriate layers. Please see separate letter from Mrs Donovan - Forest School Leader providing more information on this.

Donations

Boxes of tissues
Baby wipes

Paper straws
Shaving foam

Paper plates
Junk modelling