Spring Term Curriculum Overview 2026
Reception

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new term, I hope you have had a good Christmas break and you enjoyed reading your child's Learning Journey. I am sure you are very proud of the progress your child has made since starting at school and appreciate how much they have covered in just one term! Here is an overview of what your child will be learning this term in Reception.

Topics
The topics this term are 'Tell Me a Story' and 'Let's Be Superheroes'. Please see the link below to our website with the EYFS curriculum topics and our bespoke curriculum.

https://www.cannonlaneprimary.org/eyfs/

Snapshot of the Reception curriculum:

	**Personal,Social and Emotional Development** The children will be doing units in Jigsaw Circle time with the titles 'Dreams and Goals' and 'Changing Me'. The children will also learn to compare and analyse a range of characters from the stories we will study. We continue to develop social skills in negotiating with others and understanding other people's opinions and points of view.
	**Communication and Language** We will continue our 'Awesome Authors' strategy this term where we recite stories daily to support the children's story telling skills which, in turn, supports their ability to write more structured stories. They will develop the vocabulary and language to imagine and recreate roles and experiences in play situations by recreating scenes from their favourite stories. We will begin to devise alternative endings to stories or changes in plot and act out their own version.
	**Physical Development** The children continue to learn and develop skills in cutting, shaping, moulding, threading, and other fine motor activities to support the development of their writing muscles. The characters in the stories inspire us to experiment with different ways of moving including moving like the Troll or one of the Billy Goats' Gruff! The children will really look forward to being Superheroes later on in the term. Children will learn to travel with confidence and skill around, under, over and through balancing and climbing equipment. Children will also learn to handle tools with increasing control with our workshop areas.
	**Literacy** We will continue to explore a broad range of books including non-fiction books to learn facts about characters in real life contexts. Here is the overview of our key texts https://www.cannonlaneprimary.org/reception-key-texts/ The children will be applying their phonics in writing their own stories, adapting characters and settings and using story language from the Traditional Tales. The children will continue to progress through the Little Wandle Phonics scheme. Please see the Little Wandle parents' area on their website for support for parents on this. https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/

	**Maths** In Maths, we will continue to follow the Maths Mastery Ark Curriculum and develop number fluency. Children will continue to work with numbers within 10, addition and subtraction, grouping and sharing. They will work with number patterns within 15 and learn to double and halve with practical objects. Children will develop skills in understanding the passing of time and further develop knowledge in shape and pattern.
	**Understanding the World** In class, we continue to use the Bee-bots and smart board activities. They will be taught to look closely at similarities, differences, patterns and changes and we will be doing some cooking together. They will begin to compare characters' lives with their own lives.
	**Expressive Arts and Design** This term we will explore what happens when they mix colours and learn to become more creative in building and assembling models. Children will learn to select tools and techniques needed to shape, assemble and join materials for example making The Three Bears beds using different materials. Children will develop their cooperative play while acting out narratives from Traditional Tales. Together we will learn songs and create dance sequences. We will also be using the percussion to create music.
Home Learning: Home Learning will be issued once every two weeks. Children should complete at least one of the activities. These pieces of work should be uploaded to Google Classroom by the hand in date.	
Reading Please read with your child at least 3 times a week and record it in their Reading Diary so we can see that this is happening at home. Children should continue to be encouraged to explore a range of books and media. We would love you to read Traditional Tales to your children as well. The children will also have a library book to enjoy at home.	

Curriculum Workshop
We will be doing an Early Maths Curriculum Workshop for parents on **Tues 20th Jan** at 2-3pm in the hall. This will provide an overview of the Maths content within the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum, how we teach Maths in Reception, and ways you can support your child at home.

Extra Curriculum Events
We will be having a Bedtime Stories Day on **Wed 14th Jan** when we wear our pyjamas and bring in our favourite bedtime story. You are invited to attend at 2.30pm on this day. Pyjamas for you are optional! We will also have a Superhero dress up day on **Fri 13th March.**

To support our topic on Traditional Tales we are going on a trip to Pinner Library on the bus. We will let you know when we are going on these trips.

With best wishes,
Mrs Waldron

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