



Headlands Primary School and Nursery—Reception Curriculum letter

February—March 2024

At the end of last term, we discussed mental health awareness week. As a result, the role play area was turned in to a 'spa', and the children have loved developing this further in to a beauty salon. Reception have started this term learning about exercise and sports in PSHE. The children will also learn about healthy and unhealthy foods as well as the importance of a balanced diet. Later, we will transition our role play area in to a 'healthy café'.

This term, the children have also been introduced to the story 'Jack and the Flumflum Tree' by Julia Donaldson. From week 2, the children will become artists and will be learning about tone, shade and pattern. The children will apply these skills by sketching their own 'Flumflum Tree'.

The children have recently expressed an interest in dinosaurs and space, so with a focus on 'understanding the world' we will be exploring these topics later in the term.

In Maths, the children will be learning about doubling and halving. They will explore halving shapes, objects and amounts. They will also be learning about addition and subtraction. We have been focusing on children drawing pictorial representations and the formation of numerals.

In Reading, the children are building their fluency by using 'Fred in head' where the children blend the sounds in their head instead of out loud. They have been exposed to 'red words' (common exception words) and are able to recognise more of these now. The children are building their confidence by reading alien words (pseudo words). These are 'fake' words which are used to assess the children's understanding of phonemes and graphemes.

Reception **PE lessons** will take place on **Wednesday and Thursday** each week. On these days, the children must come to school in their PE kit, hair tied up and remove earrings.

Library day is **Thursday**. Please ensure your child's book is returned in their book bag ready to swap for another book.

Please also make sure any Phonics/blending books or 'ditty sheets' shared at home are returned to the wallet in their bookbags for their daily Phonics lesson.

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We will endeavour to respond to your emails between 9 - 4.30 in the week, during term time.

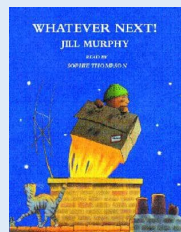
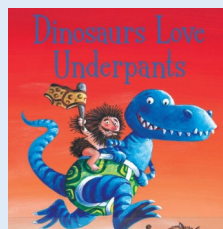
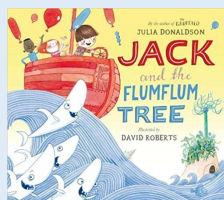
Key Dates:

This term, we will start our 'Walk in Wednesday' experience where you are invited to join your child (in the classroom, at the end of the day) to spend time with them in the environment. Our Walk in Wednesday 'Easter event' will be on **Wednesday 27th March at 2:30pm.**

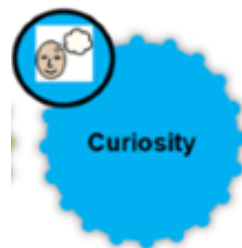
End of term is **Thursday 28th March.**

Please support your child to read at home and log it on 'Boom Reader'. If your child reads four or more times a week, they will receive a golden ticket and be entered in to a draw to win a prize!

Our main books that we are reading as a class this term...



This term, we will be celebrating diversity week. We will also be celebrating **World Book Day on Thursday 7th March**. Children are invited to come to school as something 'inspirational' or something that inspires them. We would love children to bring in their favourite book to share.



Our Virtue this term is CURIOSITY. Please use the following points to inspire a conversation about responsibility at home.

Why should we be curious?

Does reading make you curious?

What are you curious about?