What's happening in Reception in Summer Term 1?

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Looking forward with hope. Flourishing. Doing all the good we can..

Welcome to Summer Term 1 ! We hope you had a lovely Easter break.

Our broad theme this term is **'Transport.'** We will be listening to stories about different modes of transport, including: *The Hundred Decker Bus, Mrs Armitage on Wheels, Emma Jane's Aeroplane, Mr Gumpy's Motor Car* and *Lost and Found.* Using these stories as a hook we will be making our own vehicles using construction and junk materials. We will be comparing transport now compared to long ago and visiting The Street Life Museum in Hull to look at vehicles from hundreds of years ago. We will also be learning about The South Pole and comparing life there to where we live. We will be planting sunflower seeds and observing their growth. We will be finding out why the name 'God' is important to Christians and listening and responding to the Creation Story.

Phonics and Early Reading

Reception children will continue to take part in a daily phonics lesson following the Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Programme. This term we will be learning to read longer words containing consonant clusters and words ending in -ed -ing- est and -er whilst revisiting digraphs ee, ai, igh, oa, oo, ur, er, ow, oi, or, ear and air
Please listen to your child reading their decodable book three times a week as this really helps increase their confidence in sounding out words and blending, until they become fluent and automatic readers.
Please share books, stories and rhymes with your child at home as frequently as possible at home as this really has a positive impact on the development of their speech, language and vocabulary.

Maths

We will be reading and recognising numbers to 20 and counting to 20 and beyond, forwards and back.
We will be building numbers 11 - 20 using tens and ones.
We will be adding amounts together and subtracting small amounts from a number to 20.
We will be recognising and naming 2D shapes and spotting 2D shapes within 3D shapes and objects.

Routines

Our PE day is Wednesday. Please ensure your child has their PE kit with them on this day: white t-shirt, black shorts and trainers /plimsolls and check that your child can put these items on as independently as possible. This half terms PE focus is athletics and practising for Sports Day.

Reading for pleasure books and decodable books will be changed on a **Friday** after we have completed our group reading practise sessions.

Along with fruit and milk, we continue to offer toast or cereal as a snack, which children prepare themselves. Snack contributions of £1 a week are gratefully received and enable us to purchase bread and margarine and also flour, salt and food colouring so that children can continue to make their own play dough.

We spend a lot of our day outdoors so please send in suitable clothing: wellies, a waterproof and as the weather becomes warmer a sun hat.

Parents and carers, please chat to us at the door in the morning or afternoon if you need to pass on a message about your child. If you need to speak to us about something of a more sensitive nature you can contact us via the office 01469 530470 or via email: admin.newholland@northlincs.gov.uk

Please visit our Class Dojo page regularly to keep updated with our class learning journey and subscribe to the school calendar via the school website for important upcoming events.

The first page of our curriculum letter explains all the formal teaching and learning that will take place over the term. These will continue to be short, adult led inputs. The good news is that we actually spend more time throughout the day immersed in movement and play, both indoor and outdoor.

Our continuous provision areas which the children choose from in Plan, Do, Review time include...

Outdoor sand and water, creation station, painting, dough station, construction area, small world area, loose parts play, home corner, mark making and writing area, mud kitchen, digging pit, den building, physical and wheeled area, trim trail, stage / performance area, reading /story telling area, snack area.

We also have daily dough disco, parachute games, running, Squiggle Me A Writer (our early handwriting programme) so that are children are constantly on the move and not near any screens!

We also love to sing and continue to build our repertoire of songs, chants and nursery rhymes.