

Merridale Primary School

Reception

Summer 2021

To help you support your child with their learning, each year group will produce a curriculum newsletter at the start of each term. This will advise you what your child will be learning about in class in each area of the curriculum.

Should you have any questions, or would like some ideas as to how best to support your child, please speak to their class teacher.



Upcoming Events

Monday 19th April: School re-opens to pupils

Wednesday 26th May:
Photographer in school

Friday 28th May 3.15pm: School closes for half term

Monday 7th June: School re-opens to pupils

Friday 11th June: Food Bank Friday Collection

Friday 9th July 3.15pm: Nursery closes for the Summer holidays

Tuesday 20th July 3.15pm: School closes for Summer holidays

Monday 6th September: School reopens to pupils

Curriculum Area	Focus
Communication and Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Children will listen to stories, accurately anticipating key events and respond to what they hear with relevant comments, questions or actions. They will be taught to give their attention to what others say and respond appropriately.
Physical Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Children will develop good control and co-ordination in large and small movements. They will learn to move confidently in a range of ways, safely negotiating space. They will be shown how to handle equipment and tools effectively, including pencils for writing.
Personal, social and Emotional development	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Children will talk about how they and others show feelings, talk about their own and others' behaviour, and its consequences, and know that some behaviour is unacceptable. They will work as part of a group or class, and understand and follow the rules.
Literacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Children will have opportunities to read and write common irregular words. They will write words and sentences using their phonic knowledge.
Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Using quantities and objects, children will be taught to add and subtract two single-digit numbers and count on or back to find the answer. They will solve problems, including doubling, halving and sharing.Children will explore 2D and 3D shapes and use mathematical language to describe them.Children will begin to use language related to time and money.
Understanding the World	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Children will learn about different animals and plants. They will make observations and look at similarities and differences.
Expressive Arts and Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Children will use art, design and technology, songs, music, dance role-play and stories.

Suggested activities for support:

- Practice counting everyday objects.
- Talk about different shapes in the environment.
- Spend time talking to your child about what they have done at school.
- Share books on a daily basis with your child.
- Visit the library.
- Draw pictures together and colour in pictures using the correct colours.



PE:

Reception pupils have PE once a week (on Friday). Children need to ensure that long hair is tied back and all jewellery (e.g. stud earrings, watches or bangles) are removed or covered for PE lessons for safety. If your child needs to cover any items, please send a sweat band or plasters into school for this. Please send children to school in appropriate clothing for PE lessons every Friday e.g. tracksuit and trainers.

Handy hints for Study:

1. Try to choose somewhere quiet to work and also a time when your child is not too tired.
2. It's better to have lots of short sessions rather than one long one.
3. Vary the activities including writing, artwork, discussion and reading.
4. Give lots of praise and encouragement.
5. Try to make the sessions fun.

We hope this will be useful to you in supporting your child and finding out more about what they are doing at school over the Summer term. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Homework:

Share a book with your child for at least 10 minutes a day.