

OUR RECEPTION CURRICULUM



Regent Farm First School

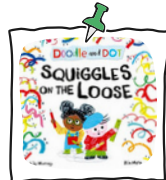


BOOKS OF THE WEEK

Autumn 1



This week we will focus on settling into school.



We learn about the importance of mark making through Doodle and Dot.



Children learn about our core values by helping the aliens get back to their home planet.



This week we learn about real life superheroes who help us.



The children become superheroes this week and solve a range of challenges.



The children learn all about Elliot Jones as he tries to save the World.



This week we explore our fears and what we can do to feel brave.



In our final book of the topic, we explore our own superpowers and what makes us special.

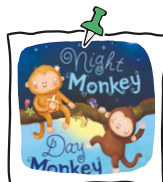
Autumn 2



Our topic launches with a fabulous story all about friendship and love.



This week we learn all about the celebration of Diwali.



We learn all about differences through this story.



The children will become pirates, planning imaginative adventures.



This week we will stargaze in a planetarium experiencing the magic of the night sky.



Our book this week is all about the magic of giving at Christmas.



Our role play will transform into Santa's mail room.

OUR TOPICS

Global Warriors - Superheroes

What are your superpowers?

Family Determination Curiosity Respect

Global Warriors enables our children to familiarise themselves with their new surroundings and their immediate environment. The children are encouraged to build new relationships by celebrating what makes us all individual and unique. We introduce this through the concept of superheroes and superpowers. We look at real life superheroes all around us, such as doctors, firefighters and police officers and develop our school values through problem-solving and investigations.

Regent Farm Respects - Light & Dark

Where can our imagination take us?

Disguise Mischief Culture

As the dark nights draw in and the run up to winter celebrations gets closer, we are investigating the similarities and differences between light and dark, day and night. The children will use their imagination to visit worlds of fantasy, learning to retell the story of the week in their own way. We will use imaginative play to transport ourselves to the fictional worlds that are created through our key texts. We get a unique chance to stargaze and experience the magic of the night sky when the mobile planetarium visits school.

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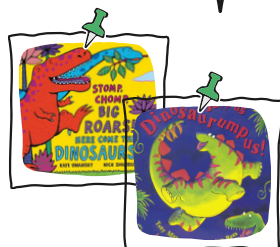


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Spring 1



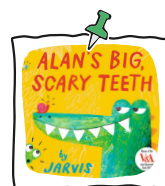
To start our topic, we become paleontologists and use two books to learn all about dinosaurs.



This week we use letters to learn all about a Dinosaur and an unusual friendship develops.



Using our book of the week, the children join Maisie on a fossil-filled adventure.



We become dentists this week and learn that not all Alligators are scary!



An alligator is on the loose and the children must plan how to get him get back home to Florida.



This week we join an imaginary swamp and play along with their jazz band.

Spring 2



We investigate a mysterious creature that has arrived in a bathtub.



This week we look at poetry and rhyme to help us understand more about life under the sea.



This week we learn all about the things we might see at the beach, then we visit one!



Our class beach has been covered in rubbish - the children work together to help clean it up.



Our topic takes on a fantasy aspect and we look at the adventures a mermaid can have.



We celebrate our similarities and differences this week with a carnival.

OUR TOPICS

Time Travellers - Dinosaurs: Then and Now

Are dinosaurs real?

Prehistoric

Fossil

Past

Present

Time Travellers encourages an exciting start to the new Spring Term where the children are immersed in awe and wonder about their world. We visit the Great North Museum and explore the ancient and new by studying dinosaurs and their modern relatives - crocodiles and alligators. We encourage the children to study non-fiction texts and share their knowledge by creating their own museum as the topic grows. We also partner up with Gatorland Florida to become real life keepers and an escaped fictional alligator who causes chaos when he appears at school. How will we ever get him home to the marshlands of Florida?

My World and Me - Under the Sea

What is under the sea?

Conservation

Flotsam

Commotion

Depth

In the second half of the Spring term, we continue to explore the natural world by looking under the sea. We visit the beach and the Rock Pool School, using our new knowledge to write fiction and non-fictional texts based on our book of the week. As the topic moves on, we begin to focus on conservation. The children develop a sense of themselves as global citizens who can contribute to the world around them. We delve into the fantasy world of mermaids and focus on cultural and gender stereotypes by asking questions such as "Can boys be mermaids?"

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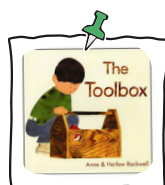


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Summer 1



To start our topic, the children are introduced to the tools we might find in a toolbox and how to use them safely.



Curiosity takes over this week as we explore a range of gadgets.



This week we work collaboratively to solve a tricky problem.

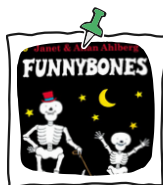


This book centres on vehicles and this week we use real car parts for investigative play.



To end our topic, we focus on gadgets and gizmos children have in their kitchen and use them to create some recipes.

Summer 2



We start our topic learning parts of the human body.



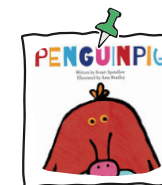
This week we focus on healthy eating and sample some new foods.



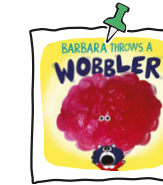
In week 3 we visit a working farm to learn where our food (and milk) comes from.



We use our sleepy sloth book to explore the concepts of keeping our bodies healthy.



This week we focus on keeping safe online and the dangers of believing everything you are told on the internet.



We will use this book to help us look at our emotional wellbeing and how we can respond to our feelings.



We end the year thinking all about courage and how to make sure we can be brave as we move into Year 1.

OUR TOPICS

Gizmos and Gadgets - Rockets, Robots and Reinventions

What can we invent and how do we make it?

Invention

Construct

Imagination

This half term, our 'Woodshop' opens and the children learn skills such as; sawing, drilling, and filing safely. They plan, create and review their design and take their final product home. We will also invite you in to school to work with your child in making a wooden robot. We will open our 'Inventor's Shed' and use our junk modelling skills to create inventions that help to solve a very usual problem: No-Bot the Robot loses his bottom and we need to help make him a new one!

Healthy Inside and Out - Happy and Healthy

How can we look after ourselves?

Mindfulness

Dairy

Energetic

Healthy Inside and Out takes us on an exploration of growth and change over time. We look at different aspects of healthy lifestyle from exercise to mental health, online safety and a visit to the farm which helps us explore where our food comes from and how it gets to our plate.

We take this opportunity to consolidate learning through a range of new and familiar experiences. We continue to challenge the children and develop their skills so that they feel confident and supported during their transition to Year One.