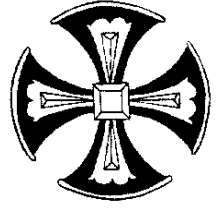


# Reception News



9<sup>th</sup> January 2023

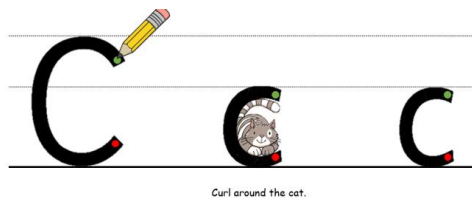
Dear Parents/Carers,



Happy New Year! We hope that you all had an enjoyable break. The children have made a confident start to the spring term. They have settled back into school life extremely well and are enjoying renewing their friendships and having fun as they learn together.

Our main focus this week is to settle the children into their routines and to introduce new routines as we begin to join KS1 for worship every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon, and the whole school for Friday morning worship.

**Handwriting:** We are beginning to focus on letter formation and will be sending handwriting practise books home every Thursday. Please help your child at home following the instructions on the front cover of their book and return the book to school by the following Tuesday so that it can be prepared for the following week. This week's letter is c and the catchphrase is 'Curl around the cat'.

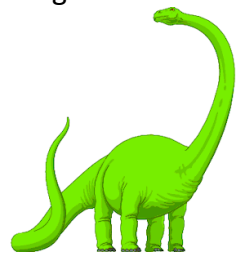


**Phonics:** This week we will introduce new digraphs (two letters, one sound) and our first trigraph (three letters, one sound).

**ai** (catchphrase: tail in the rain),  
**ee** (catchphrase: sheep in a jeep),  
**igh** (catchphrase: a light in the night)  
**oa** (catchphrase: soap that goat)

**Maths:** We will be working on subtraction and word problems, alongside with various challenges!

Our theme this half term is: Which was the biggest dinosaur? We hope the children will enjoy becoming 'dinosaur experts' and become immersed in a range of imaginative dinosaur learning. We will imagine what it would be like to be palaeontologists. We will investigate fossils, learn about fossilised footprints and dinosaur eggs, create our own dinosaur discovery, learn about habitats, create music, learn songs and dinosaur dances.



Thank you for your continued support,  
The Reception Team