



# Reception OTTOWA'S



## Useful Information



Spring 1

### Theme:



The theme this term is **Never Giving Up**.

The children will learn that having a go at something is better than never trying. They will be learning about different people who didn't give up and achieved their goals. They will also be learning about non-fiction texts such as lists, labels and captions.

### Literacy



We will be learning about non-fiction texts such as lists, labels and captions.

The children will be learning to label parts of a rocket and plane as well as write captions for images.

The children will have the opportunity to write a class poem and perform it to their peers.

They will also learn new facts about transport and how they work.

### Phonics



This half term we will be continuing to work on Phase 3. This phase introduces twenty-five new graphemes one at a time.

Vowel digraphs and trigraphs: /oo/, /ar/, /or/, /ur/, /ow/, /oi/, /ear/, /air/, /ure/, /er/, /oa/ - <ow>

During Phase 3, children will also learn the letter names and continue to consolidate the sounds learnt in Phase 2.

Harder to read and write words: **they, all, are, you, tall, ball, when, what**

### Maths



We will be covering the following topics this half term:

- Introduction of zero
- Comparing numbers to 5
- Composition of 4 & 5
- Compare mass
- Compare capacity
- All about 6, 7 & 8
- Making pairs
- Combining 2 groups
- Length & height
- Time

### Physical Development (PD)



Our focus in PE this term is: **Body Management**. Children will be able to:

- Explore balance and managing our own body including manipulating small objects.
- Able to stretch, reach and extend in a variety of ways and positions.
- Able to control body and perform specific movements on command

## Understanding the World (UW)



### Computing

This half term the children will learn:

- To be able to manoeuvre the mouse with control
- To execute a program using simple instructions (Code)
- To learn safety rules about using tablets/internet

### RE

Children will explore how people show that they belong to different groups.

### Science

This half term we will be covering the following:

- Floating and sinking
- Space

## Other Areas of Learning



### Communication and Language

This half term children will be working on:

- Connecting an idea or action to another using a range of connectives such as 'and' or 'because'.
- Describing events in some detail
- Engaging in non-fiction books

### Expressive Art and Design

We will be using various materials to build and create different types of transports. Junk modelling, Lego and other construction materials will be our primary resources. Children will learn to plan their creation by drawing them first.

## Home Learning



Children should read for 15 minutes every night. They will be given two books each week. One is a reading for pleasure book, this should be read together. The other book is a phonetically decodable-banded book for your child to read to you.

Please return the books on a **Monday**. They will be handed back to you on a **Tuesday**.

Every Monday's your child will receive a Google Classroom activity they can complete online.

Home learning is handed out at the beginning of each term with a weekly breakdown with what we cover.

## Core Text



Our Core text this half term is Astro Girl. Her dad tells her all the things she will need to do if she becomes one and her strong self-belief in her abilities is joyfully apparent.

## Language of the Half Term

Our language of the half term is Farsi.

2.9% of our families speak Farsi

## Poem of the Half Term

Our Poem this half term is Carrot Nose (Poetry Basket)

## Skills Builder



This half term we will be focusing on: **Staying Positive, Aiming High** and **Problem Solving**

## Rights Respecting:

This half term we will focus on the Right to an **EDUCATION** (Article 28)

## Key Dates:

- 6th January 2026 - Start of Spring term
- 12th January - School uniform recycling
- 21st January - Year 3 class trip
- 30th January - Birthday Bash
- 4th February - Wellington (Y3) class trip
- 9th February - Year 1 class trip
- 10th February - Year 1 class trip
- 10th February - Year 2 Class trip
- 13th February - End of Spring Term 1
- 16th - 20th February 2026 - HALF TERM
- 23rd February - New term starts



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