



Spring 1
Newsletter

Welcome to Reception



This half term, our topic is: **EXPRESS YOURSELF**

If you need to speak to the class teacher please email us at reception@westfield.staffs.sch.uk

Reminder—Reading books and library books will be changed each week on a **Thursday**.

Here is some information on how we will support the children through the 7 areas of learning:

Communication and Language.

Develop our vocabulary using themed stories and participating in 'show and tell'. Identify and discuss questions we would like to ask a performer about their job.



Expressive Arts and Design

We will learn all about different expressive art forms, watch performances and discuss them.

The finale will be 'West-Fest', where we perform our own dances, songs and drama pieces!



Physical Development

PE sessions will continue to be every Wednesday morning. Please send your child into school wearing appropriate clothing and footwear.

In the classroom, we will continue to explore activities to strengthen and refine our fine motor muscles to support our writing.

In PE, our focus will be dance. We will be learning and reciting a dinosaur dance.

Literacy

In Phonics lessons we will learn grapheme, phoneme correspondence, focusing on digraphs and trigraphs. Practise teacher led blending and oral blending to read words.

We will continue to learn 'tricky words', these are words that cannot be sounded out, such as, was, you and they. Children will bring these home to practise at home too.

During activities in the classroom, we will be working hard to blend sounds together to read words and segment the sounds in words to write them down, listening carefully for each individual sound.

We will be developing our 'Talk4Writing' skills through lots of story telling, retelling and role-play. Use our phonics skills to help us to write facts.

Maths

Subitise and focus on composition of numbers 0-8.



Explore doubling.

Find out what odd and even means.

Compare numbers, mass and capacity using mathematical vocabulary.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Talk about and share our ideas as part of a group.

Play co-operatively and take turns in games and play.

We will work as part of a team and learn more about the importance of sharing.



Understanding The World

We will find out about performance art from different cultures, communities and countries. We will compare these to our own.

We will find out about different languages of the world and begin to learn some words in French.





HOME LEARNING

We would be so excited to see any writing, maths and creative activities you have been doing at home. Please upload to Tapestry or bring into school. If you would like to explore our 'Express Yourself' topic, here are some ideas (but please feel free to use your own ideas too):



Make your own instrument.



Listen to and recite a poem or Nursery rhyme.



Create a poster all about a band, artist or character.



Write a list of different instruments.



Count and compare claps / sounds. Talk about more and less.



Research music from a different country. Compare similarities and differences.