



Bournebrook
Church of England Primary School

Cherry Class – Summer 1 Newsletter 2025

What's happening in Reception Class this Half Term? Our Topic is African Adventure

Maths	<p>Reception are continuing to learn our number bonds to 5. We are learning our numbers to 20 – knowing that 14 is one ten and four ones. Adding and Subtracting numbers up to 10. Doubling numbers Sharing amounts and knowing if the amounts are equal or unequal. 2D shapes, triangles, squares, rectangles and circles. Learning what odd and even numbers are.</p>
English	<p>Phonics Sounds we are revising ai, ee, igh, oi, ur, er, air, ear, oa, ow, oo Tricky words to be taught Said, so, have, like, some, love, come, do, were, here, little, says, there, then, what, one, out, today. Writing Writing sentences uses finger spaces, capital letters and full stops. The children will be encouraged to write their sentences independently, with correct letter formation. Writing opportunities to include writing lists, character descriptions, recount of visits, a postcard from the Maasi, a letter to Handa, animal poems, rhyming words, sequence the story and labelling designs and maps.</p>
Understanding the World	<p>Reception will use a world map to find out where Africa and know some of the countries in Africa. Look at the size of the countries on the map and compare to Great Britain. Find out about animals that live in warm places. Find and locate warm places on the globe. Identify differences between our local environment and countries in Africa. Look at the lifecycle of a frog. Writing facts about animals.</p>
Expressive arts and Design	<p>Reception mix colours to create a sunset painting Look at the features of African animals and paint them. Listen to African music and find out what instruments are used. Then create movements in response to the music. Observational painting/drawing of fruit. Making African beaded collars and necklaces Look at African prints.</p>

PSHE

Reception will show resilience and perseverance when facing challenges.
Know the skills and techniques needed to be good learners and can apply them to everyday tasks.
Identify and moderate their own feelings socially and emotionally. Further develop skills of collaboration, communication and teamwork
Find out about healthy foods including looking at and tasting fruits.

Home Learning/ Learning Opportunities

Reading books to be sent home on a Wednesday and returned on Monday
Practise words daily
Practise letter formation

Dates to Remember

P.E. day is on a: Friday