



21 October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the letter regarding extra-curricular clubs, we are excited to write to you with details of the clubs we will be running for our children in Reception. This is the first year clubs have been run for some of our youngest children and we have worked hard to ensure they have been carefully planned, to not only equip your children with new skills but also enrich their early learning and development.

The clubs will begin after October half term, will run for a 5 week block and take place on a Monday and Thursday. These will take place for the middle 4 half terms of the academic year and therefore every child will be able to attend at least 2 clubs over the year, should they wish to.

Please find below details of the clubs we will be facilitating.

	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1
Monday*	Craft me a Story	Reading Rangers	Craft me a Story	Reading Rangers
Thursday	Helicopter Stories	Make and Bake	Helicopter Stories	Make and Bake

\*w/c 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021 only 'Craft me a Story' will take place on Tuesday due to a whole school INSET day.

Children who attend the 'Craft me a Story' club will firstly enjoy a well know children's story told to them by one of our Early Years team and then following this, take part in a craft activity relating to the story. Children will be taught a wide range of creative skills and techniques which they will then be able to draw on as they work independently in school. 'Helicopter Stories' is an initiative based on the Storytelling and Story Acting curriculum of renowned Early Years practitioner Vivian Gussin Paley. In a Helicopter Stories session, children dictate their stories to an adult scribe. Following this, the group gather around a taped out stage and the stories are acted out. We have found that children absolutely love the art of retelling and acting out their very own stories and this has a hugely successful impact on several areas of learning including, communication and language, literacy and expressive arts.

'Reading Rangers' will definitely need their wellies on as they explore our beautiful grounds before working as team to set up a den or camp in which to enjoy a carefully selected range of stories in. There might even be a special hot chocolate treat one week as the stories are enjoyed!

The fourth club, 'Make and Bake' will enable children to experience making and baking a wide range of culinary delights. Children will develop their early cookery and basic food

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preparation skills by creating a range of cooked and non-food cooked treats such as a Grufalo crumble, gingerbread men and rainbow fruit kebabs.

The clubs will run from 3:10 – 4:00pm on the days outlined in the table above. We will provide all children with a snack and drink immediately after school as we know it will be a long time since lunch and we need to keep our energy levels up.

Children should be collected promptly from the main entrance of school at 4pm where staff from the Early Years team will dismiss the children to you. As with usual collection please ensure you let us know if someone different is collecting your child. Any children who will be attending After School club after their club, will be taken over by a member of staff and left in their care until you collect them, as per the usual school day.

If your child would like to attend a club, please use the forms on Parent Pay to select ONE club for your child to attend in either Autumn 2 or Spring 1. We will then reset the options for clubs for Spring 2 and Summer 1, just before February half term.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch with us.

Kindest Regards

Mrs Hodgkiss & the Early Years Team