

Reception Newsletter Spring Term 1 2017

Welcome to the Spring Term in Reception class. We've got a lot to look forward to and we will be building on all of our successes from last term.

As part of our learning we encourage the children to experience as many different things as possible and cook with the children regularly. Thank you for all of your donations so far, please send your £2 per for this half term in a named envelope either to class or to the school office.



Communication and Language

We will be:

- Listening to stories related to the winter theme.
- Respond to stories and answer questions.
- To listen to what others say and respond appropriately.
- Retelling stories through acting out and ordering pictures.
- To use talk to imagine and recreate.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

We will be:

- Continuing to form positive relationships with adults and other children.
- Looking at ways to keep warm in winter.
- Look at how to stay safe during winter weather.
- Finding out about different cultures.
- Continuing to play cooperatively with other children and controlling our behaviour.

Mathematics

We will be:

- Practising our number recognition
- Singing a range of counting songs and rhymes.
- Estimating and counting sets of objects
- Reciting numbers in order to 10, 20 and beyond.
- Beginning to form numbers correctly.
- To recognise, create and describe patterns.
- Learning about 2D and 3D shapes.
- Ordering items by length, height or capacity.
- Working on simple addition and subtraction.

Literacy

We will be:

- Revising phase 2 sounds and beginning to learn phase 3
- Exploring fiction and non-fiction books.
- Creating story maps and our own story books.
- Continue to read words and simple sentences including some of the 45 Reception Words
- Continuing to give meanings to the marks that they make - labelling pictures/models and their own work.

Winter Wonderlands



Physical Development

We will be:

- Dressing and undressing for PE
- Dancing to winter themed music.
- Learning to travel safely around a large space.
- Handling equipment safely
- Developing cutting skills
- Holding and using a pencil effectively

PE is on a Tuesday so please make sure that your child has their kit in school and that their name is in every piece of clothing. Earrings should be taken out if possible.

Understanding the World

We will be:

- Looking at melting and freezing.
- Finding out about different animals that live in cold habitats.
- Finding out about hibernation.
- Looking at seasonal changes.
- Finding out about different festivals eg. Chinese New Year.
- Looking at materials which keep us warm.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will be:

- Learning to sing songs, make music and dance.
- Painting/collage thinking about cold and warm colours.
- Listening to music inspired by winter.
- Acting out role plays in our frozen castle.
- Designing and making models e.g frozen castles, penguins etc.

Please support us at home by listening to your child read and making a comment in their reading record. Also help them to learn how to read their high frequency words regularly as well as develop their recognition of the characters and their names from their class reading book. If you want any further ideas on how to support your child's learning please don't hesitate to ask.

If you have any concerns or questions please don't hesitate to speak to Miss Wilson, Mrs Eldred or Miss Peel. Thank you for your support.