

Reception Newsletter

Spring 2015

Dear Parents

May we first of all wish you a Happy New Year. Below are some areas we will be focusing on this term.

Communication, Language and Literacy

- To reinforce listening skills
- To reinforce the Jolly Phonic Sounds already taught and continue learning new sounds.
- To hear and say beginning and final sounds in words.
- To hear and say short vowel sounds in words.
- To use knowledge of letters, sounds and words when reading and writing.
- To begin to write simple words, captions and sentences.

Mathematical Development

- To count, compare and order numbers.
- To begin to relate addition to combining two sets of objects.
- To begin to understand and use the vocabulary related to money, weight, capacity and height.

Knowledge and Understanding of the World

This term's topic is 'My World' and it will include the following subjects.

Science

- Looking at different weather conditions and seasonal changes.

Design Technology

- Make 3D signs and models for display.

History

- Understand the importance of family life and the role of people within the family.

Geography

- Go for a walk and discuss natural features.
- Introduce the concept of a simple map

Religious Education

- To understand different cultures and beliefs.
- To understand celebrations and traditions of Easter.
- To talk about God
- To read Bible stories that Jesus told.

Physical Development

- P.E is on Thursday afternoons. Please could we ask for health and safety reasons, that no jewellery is worn.
- P.E kit should be kept at school and this should consist of a T-shirt, shorts and sand shoes. All uniform should be clearly labelled.
- Exercises will be done daily inside and outdoors.

Homework

- Please continue to support your child with homework, as this really does make a difference to your child's progress.
- Homework books will be sent home on Friday and could we ask for them to be returned the following Monday.
- Please sign and make any relevant comments once your child has completed their homework.

Reading Books

- Reading books will be sent home on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Sometimes we may read part or the whole of the book at school and ask you to re-read it at home. By doing this it will increase your child's confidence. Please sign and make a comment about how your child has coped with the book.

Maths Games Club

We will be starting a games club after half term. In previous years this has proved very popular with parents and increased the childrens' confidence with numbers. It is a fun way of learning. We play simple board games, snap, dominoes and matching games. An adult sits with a small group of children and encourages them to join in. If you are interested in coming along, please could you let us know.

Thank you

Mrs N Griffiths & Miss M Tricker