



Reception Class Newsletter April 2018

Welcome back and we hope you all had a lovely Easter break. The children enjoyed a busy Spring term and some exciting activities including World Book Day, World Maths Day and the Easter bonnet and egg competition. The year is speeding by and this is our final term before the summer holidays and the transition in to Year 1. In order to make that transition as smooth as possible, this term the children will be having their afternoon fruit outside like the Year 1 children and towards the end of the term they will be spending time with their Year 1 teacher.

Topic

Our topic this term is 'We're Off On A Journey'. We will be investigating different types of vehicles and journeys to different places. We will be reading a range of stories and poems involving vehicles and journeys and using non-fiction books to help us research types of transport and vehicles from the past. We will be using and creating maps of journeys both real and imagined. Part of our topic will focus on roads and the children will be designing their own towns and thinking about road safety. We will be investigating journeys in a variety of modes of transport including; trains, buses, aeroplanes, ships and rockets and the children will be developing their imaginative skills through role play in a travel agents, bus station and rocket. Paintings and music including 'Starry Night' by Van Gogh and 'The Planet Suite' by Holst will be the starting point for the children to express their ideas and preferences and develop their own art work and music. The children will be exploring their school outside environment and carrying out investigations in to how different vehicles move. After half term we will be looking at our environment and the plants and creatures that we find there. We will be looking at a range of mini-beasts and having lots of fun finding them in our outside area.

Communication, Language and Literacy

The children are progressing well with their phonics and are working on using their sounds to blend and segment words both orally and when reading and writing simple sentences. This term our focus will be on encouraging the children to read and write words and sentences as independently as possible. We will be using a range of fiction, non-fiction and poetry as starting points for our reading and writing including 'The Jolly Postman', 'The Train Ride', 'The Hundred Decker Bus', 'Don't Chat to the Bus Driver', 'Mr. Gumpy's Outing' and 'Mr. Gumpy's Motor Car'. The children will be writing for a range of purposes and their writing will include writing lists, labels, captions, and sentences.

Mathematical Development

This term we will be continuing to focus on numbers to 20 and beyond, counting, estimating, ordering numbers, recognising numerals and counting on and back from a given

number. We will be having lots of fun solving practical problems using addition and subtraction, doubling, halving and sharing, partitioning sets of objects and reading and writing simple addition and subtraction sums. We will be looking at 3D shapes, weighing, measuring and comparing, recognising coins of different values and using money in problem solving and measuring short periods of time in simple ways. The children will be carrying out a traffic survey and using the data to make pictograms.

P.E

The Reception class will be taking part in P.E sessions every Monday and alternate Wednesdays this term. We encourage the children to leave their P.E bags in school to ensure that they have them on P.E days. For safety reasons, if your child wears earrings, please remove them on P.E days. Please ensure that all your child's kit and school uniform is clearly named so that we are able to identify and return any lost items.

Water Bottles

Please can I remind you that we encourage the children to bring a water bottle each day. It is very important that the children have the opportunity to drink throughout the day as this benefits their development and learning. We do ask that parents put water in the bottles, not juice, as water is healthier for the children and when spillages occur we don't have such a sticky mess!

Warm weather

Hopefully we will have some lovely warm weather this term. If the weather is particularly warm, please ensure that your child has had sun cream applied before they come to school and that they have a hat with them.

Library

Library books will be changed on a Friday afternoon.

Reading books

Please ensure reading books and/or word boxes are in bags every day so that we can hear the children read and change their books and also remind you to keep the books and boxes in the blue bags provided.

Show and tell sessions

The children love to show pictures and writing that they have been doing at home and we encourage them to show their work and share their news with the class. We will be doing this activity on a Friday morning, so please encourage your child to save their 'show and tell' work for a Friday morning.

Events

After half term we will be visiting Wolsley Wildlife Centre as part of our topic and our trip will include a pond dipping session - details to follow.

There will be an afternoon of minibeast hunt/quiz activities for you to come and enjoy with your child on the afternoon of 6th July in the Reception class - more details nearer the time.

Thank you

Mrs. Daniel and Mrs Davis