



Reception News February 2017

Welcome back, we hope you had a lovely half term break.

This term we are continuing our 'Poetry in Motion' topic including special events, such as, Pancake Day and following the children's interests. Our whole school improvement focuses this term are spelling (one week), maths reasoning (one week) and ensuring every child is challenged (four weeks).

We have an earlier 'Stay and Play' session this term to tie in with the Queen's Hill Festival next week. It will take place in your child's classroom on Thursday 2nd March, 8.30-9.30am. We will be sharing lots of ideas for Marvellous Maths activities you can do at home.

If you could spare some time to help in school, we would love more parent volunteers etc, please speak to Mrs Fraser in the school office.

Adele Pollard

Early Years Phase Leader

What to expect, when?

We have attached a useful document written by the Department for Education that summarises how you can support your child's learning when they are 40-60months old and our Learning Goals for the end of the year.

WOW Moments

We would love to hear about any moments that you have felt really proud of your child. Please return the slip to your child's teacher.

Growth Mindset

We are continuing to encourage the children to be independent and have a 'Passion for Learning' through promoting our 'Growth Mindset characters', they include: Charlie Challenge, Connor Concentration, Ronnie Reflection, Timmy Teamwork, Helen Have-a-go, Immy Imagination, Percy Perseverance, Kate Curiosity.

Our Curriculum: Communication and Language (C&L)

We are learning to share ideas in detail, use different tenses accurately, act in role and develop a narrative. We are also playing word games and learning about rhyming words.

Our Curriculum Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED)

The children are continuing their PATHS lessons (Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies) that help them develop their understanding of emotions and feelings. We are also practising sharing and working in a team.

Our Curriculum: Physical Development (PD)

In PE lessons this term we are working on different multi-skills outside such as, throwing javelins!

Our Curriculum: Literacy (L)

We are continuing to apply our phonics knowledge to write and read sentences. Some children are trying to up-level their writing by using exciting vocabulary, connectives, openers and punctuation. Every term we learn a story by memory to develop our story writing language, this term it is 'The Three Little Pigs'.

Our Curriculum: Maths (M)

This term we are solving addition and subtraction problems and representing our maths by recording number sentences. We are exploring capacity, weight and height and putting objects in order. We will continue to practice recognising and ordering numerals.

Our Curriculum: Understanding the World (UTW)

In Geography we are learning about how ways of life differ around the world. In History we are learning about Kings and Queens. In Technology we are learning about E-safety and how electricity is used in school. In Science we are comparing different animals and plants and learning about lifecycles.

Our Curriculum: Expressive Art and Design (EAD)

In our Creative Arts lessons we are learning how to use different tools safely and effectively. This term we are expressing our thoughts and feelings through design technology and music.