



Year R Spring Term Newsletter 2018



Welcome back to Reception! I hope you have all had a lovely and relaxing Christmas. This term our topics are 'Superheroes and Fairy Tales' and 'People who help us'. This will be linked to all of our learning this term.

English

Please read regularly at home with your child as this is very important for the development of their reading and writing skills. Please keep your reading record book in your child's book bag at all times and ensure they are signed regularly. Our learning this half term will be based on our topic 'Superheroes and Fairy Tales'. We will be looking at a range of fairy tales including 'the three little pigs' and 'the billy goats gruff'. The children will be creating their own story maps to retell these tales.

Maths

In Maths this term we are developing our confidence in reading and writing numbers to 20 and counting them both forwards and backwards. We will also be using our knowledge to solve addition and subtraction sums. The children will begin to investigate length, height and weight in practical ways such as using their handprints to measure the height of objects and using scales to compare objects.

Phonics

We will continue our learning on the Phase 3 phonemes and will use these to write simple words to practise segmenting and blending. This term we will also be focusing on the Phase 3 tricky words (these cannot be phonetically decoded). These are: 'he', 'she', 'we', 'me', 'be', 'you', 'are', 'her', 'was', 'all', 'they' and 'my'.

PSED (personal, social and emotional development)

The children will continue to be encouraged to create friendships and develop their ability to share and work in groups with others. We will be exploring emotions and assisting the children to identify and describe how they feel, and how their peers around them may be feeling.

PPA

On Thursday morning, I have my weekly non-contact time. During this time, the children will be taught by Mrs Boyle, our specialist teacher who covers PPA time. Thursdays will follow the normal timetable.

Expressive Arts and design

We will continue to have a 'junk modelling' area in the back room, where the children can use different recycled objects such as yoghurt pots, cardboard boxes, milk cartons and toilet rolls.

If you have anything you would like to donate to this area, please bring it into school.

In addition to this, we will be working with different materials in class. Our Art focus this term is collage and printing, we will be using these skills in our Art this term.

Understanding the World

This term we will be learning about the changes the Environment goes through in the winter and beginning of spring. Later in the term, the children will be planting their own seeds. Through this process, the children will be learning what plants need to survive and looking closely at the changes the seeds go through as they grow. As we approach Easter, we will start discussing how different people celebrate this special time. This will be linked to our RE learning.

Physical development

The children will continue to practise getting dressed independently for PE. Please ensure children have the correct P.E kit: navy blue shorts/tracksuit bottoms and yellow T-shirts. Please make sure all items of your child's P.E kit are named.

During our sessions, the children will develop their ability to throw, catch and kick balls with growing accuracy.

Homework

Homework books will be sent home on Fridays and should be handed back in by the following Wednesday. The homework letters will contain a brief overview of our learning throughout the week and a small task for the children to complete at home.

Please feel free to cover these books to keep them looking smart.

RE

Our focus this term will be 'Who cares for this wonderful world and why?' and our topic after half term will be 'Easter', these will be linked to our termly school values 'Wisdom' and 'Hope'.

There are daily whole school Collective Worship times where we will be extending our learning and understanding of our school values within our Christian community. Reception will begin to attend more of these sessions, we will take part in Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Friday celebration Collective Worships and will progressively attend more throughout the year.

Dates to remember:

5.2.18 PTFA School Disco

9.2.18 Last day of term

19.2.18 Back to school

1.3.18 World book day

For this, children are encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character.

2.3.18 St David's Day

12.3.18 Last Week of clubs

16.3.18 St Patrick's Day

23.3.18 Sports Relief

23.3.18 PTFA Easter Egg Hunt

26.3.18 Easter Service at Christ Church

29.3.18 Last Day of term

Uniform

Please adhere to the school's uniform policy which can be found on the website and ensure that all items are clearly named.

We will continue to play and learn in our outside area so please ensure your child brings a named coat, hat, scarf and gloves daily.

Wellies are also advised for our outdoor learning, please ensure these are clearly named. These stay in school and can be returned at the end of each term if you choose.

And finally...

We will be learning about growing this term and the children will each be planting a seed, so any gardening equipment would be very useful, such as gloves and trowels.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to catch me in the playground at the end of the day. I am very happy to answer your queries and it is always good to see you! If you would like to speak with me more privately, please see me or write in the home contact book to arrange an appointment.

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