

Reception - Curriculum Letter Spring 1

The following are some of the things we will be learning about this half term....



English...

In phonics we will be continuing to reinforce the Set 1 sounds, in particular the 'special friends'. We will be learning to form the letters correctly. The children have been split into groups to help maximise their learning.

We will be using our phonic knowledge and knowledge of high frequency words to begin to write simple sentences.

We are using our topic of 'Tell me a story' and linking it to our exciting 'Power of Reading' sessions. The 'Power of Reading' aims to increase children's enjoyment of reading and their literacy skills by exposing them to a wide variety of different books. We will spend up to 3 weeks looking at one book and will focus on improving children's speaking and listening skills, retelling stories and using words we know and new words to create sentences and extend stories.



Maths...

We will carry on using the 'Numicon' to reinforce the value of numbers. We will look at 1 more and 1 less and begin to explore different number bonds up to 5 and 10 and ways of making 10 and beyond.

We will be looking at different measures and sorting toy animals into different categories – height, weight, length etc. We will use non-standard measures such as cubes to measure.

We will carry on learning to write numerals 0-10 and beyond. Please continue to reinforce this at home and play plenty of number games.



Topic Focus – Tell me a story!

We will be finding out about the world through lots of STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and maths) activities.

We will be growing plants, building different things (eg: a new bridge for the troll in the 3 Billy Goat's Gruff), designing new machines and building them.

The children will have lots of opportunities to explore the topic creatively through our Role Play areas and through art and craft and music activities.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development...

We will continue to encourage the importance of caring for each other and our environment – looking after our class, using our manners, taking turns with resources, being kind and helpful, working as a team and becoming independent within the setting.

We will make links to our topic through discussion of how to care for others, especially those with different needs. We will use circle time activities to talk about our feelings on different topics.

Ideas for Activities & Visits Outside School..

Try to listen to your child read every day and read to them even more frequently. Talk to them about what they have done at school and what they have found enjoyable. Ask them about their phonics lessons each day. Please practise activities at home that will improve your child's fine motor skills – threading, colouring, playdough, tracing etc.

Make sure your child comes to school on time every day and in school uniform and encourage them to put on their coats independently. Swimming and PE will be on alternate **Wednesdays** for each class. Please ensure they the correct kit for each week.