

# Reception - Curriculum Letter

## Summer 1

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



**English...** Our topic is 'Monsters vs Aliens' and we will once again be linking it to our exciting 'Power of Reading' sessions. We will spend up to 2-3 weeks looking at one book and will focus on improving children's speaking and listening skills. The children are making good progress in their phonics groups and the daily lessons are fast-paced, interactive and most of all, fun! They will continue to be assessed regularly so that they are taking part in activities relevant to their reading level. This term we will have a real focus on using our phonic knowledge and knowledge of high frequency words to write for different purposes. We hope to engage the children in a variety of writing opportunities – stories, wanted posters, labelled drawings, character descriptions etc. We will be sending home a sheet with the 100 high frequency words the children should know by the end of reception. Please practice reading and writing these words and encourage your child to hold their pencil appropriately and form the letters correctly.



### Topic Focus –Monsters vs Aliens!

We will research different environments around the world to make comparisons about where different creatures/animals may live – mountains, deserts, cities, villages etc. We will be looking at maps and learning how to make our own. This will also reinforce the use of positional language. 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.



**Maths...** We will be using manipulatives (Numicon, multilink, etc.) to reinforce the value of numbers and to solve addition and subtraction problems. We will be reciting numbers to 100 and practising counting on and back from a given number. We will begin to learn how to count in 10's. You can help to reinforce this at home by counting with your child and looking at the patterns in numbers together. We will carry on learning to write numerals 0-20 and beyond. Please continue to reinforce this at home and play plenty of number games as well as looking for numbers when you are out and about too. We will be using positional language to make up routes and describe journeys. We will use shapes to make pictures and patterns.



### Personal and Social Development...

We will make links to our topic through discussion of different communities around the world. We are going on a trip to the Discover Centre in Stratford and hope to include a summer trip to the park – we will be inviting parents and carers along too! We will use circle time activities to talk about our fears and how we can overcome them. We will discuss our own and contrasting environments and encourage the children to be sensitive to the differences between themselves and others around the world.

### Ideas for Activities & Visits Outside School..

Please listen to your child read at home as often as you can – they love to show their new reading books to you. Daily reading helps with their learning development – Remember to visit the library, it is free! Please help us by taking photos and videos of things you do at home, and any learning your child is involved in - share them with us on Tapestry. Talk to your child about these experiences so that they can share them with the rest of the class and encourage them to speak in full sentences using the correct tense. For example; “Last summer, we visited France and went to the beach” Please carry on singing with your children as this is a great way to extend their language. Practise songs and nursery rhymes and ask the children about the topic related songs that they have learnt. You can even make up your own versions! Thank you for your continued support.