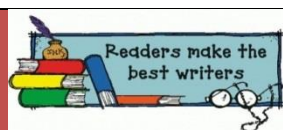


Reception Autumn Newsletter 2016

Welcome to the autumn term! Just like in Nursery, teaching and learning in Reception is hands-on and fun. Our classroom culture is built on our values: respect, kindness, friendship, enthusiasm, teamwork, truth and encouragement. We will be talking about these words a great deal ensuring that each pupil feels valued, included, secure and excited about learning. We encourage good behaviour at all times and positive attitudes towards learning and school.

If you have any comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us as we would like to continue our excellent home/school relationships, and aim to provide high-quality information, clear communication and an 'open-door' policy.



Literacy



Communication and Language

All children will be developing their speaking and listening skills such as; maintaining attention, concentrating, responding to and following instructions. This area is one of the prime areas and is the basis of all other areas. To support their development, a number of activities and routines will be a regular part of daily life such as learning partners, circle time, story time, role-play etc.

Phonics

Children will be taking part in a daily phonics program called 'Read, Write, Inc. They will be learning new letter sounds, beginning to read and write words and then applying these skills for their writing tasks.

Reading

Books will be given every week so please ensure that children come with their book bags daily. Please I cannot stress how important it is that you read with your child. This really helps children develop their understanding of language and build their experiences. It doesn't have to be in English so please read in whichever language you are stronger in.

Writing

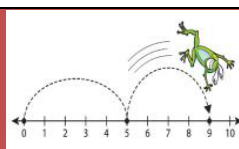
We will be applying our sound knowledge to write letters and simple words. Children will be learning about different writing genres such as shopping lists, cards and labels.

The following website is excellent for children to practise their literacy skills:

<http://www.educationcity.com/>



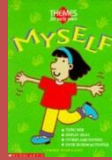
Mathematical Development



In numeracy this term, we will be focusing on recognising and ordering the numbers 1-10, counting objects with one-to-one correspondence, solving simple number problems and using the correct vocabulary to describe 'more' or 'less'. In Shape, Space and Measure we will be learning about 2D shapes, patterns, length, height, weight, positional language such as; 'behind', 'next to', 'in front of', etc.

<http://www.educationcity.com/> is a great website to support children's learning in maths.

Topic



Our topics for this term are 'Myself & My Family'

We will be reading a range of stories, poems and information books, covering all the areas of development through the topic such as, body parts, people in our family, similarities and differences between ourselves and others.

Here are some ideas for websites for the children to practise their science skills:

<http://www.educationcity.com/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/levels/z3g4d2p>

<http://www.resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/interactive/science>

<http://www.kidspot.com.au/kids-activities-and-games/science>



Cooking

The children will be taking part in cooking this term. It is an excellent opportunity for them to develop their motor skills. We are asking for a contribution of **£1.50 per term**, to cover the cost of ingredients. You can also pay weekly if this is more convenient.



Outdoor play

Outdoor learning is an important part of Foundation Stage and as the children will be outside please ensure that children come to school with suitable clothing including: trousers, a warm jacket, spare clothing and if possible a pair of wellies. These can be left on their peg for daily use.



PE

We will be doing P.E each week. Children will need to bring P.E kits and can leave them at school so that they can take part in fun physical activities. P.E kits should include a white t-shirt, shorts and plimsolls.

Please make sure all items, including their bags, are clearly labelled with their name.



General notices/requests

Queries, worries or questions

If you have a concern or any questions, feel free to pop in and see us at the end of the school day at 3:30pm. We will be at the door ensuring children are being safely dismissed.

Please be aware that time at the end of the day can be limited, so if you need to discuss anything in more detail, please call the school office on **020 8520 6267** to arrange an appointment. Alternatively, you can email the school at admin@coppermill.waltham.sch.uk

Thank you for all your support. We look forward to an exciting term with your children!

Miss Enver and Miss Ali