

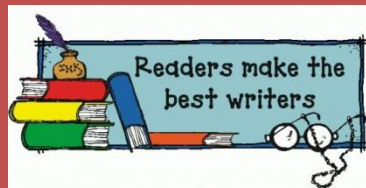
Reception Summer Newsletter 2019

Welcome back to the Summer term!

We have more excitement and challenge this term. We try consistently to make teaching and learning relevant and fun. Our classroom culture is built on our values which are: 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. 'Zoo Lab' will be visiting us this term with an exciting mini- beast work shop

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

Miss Khan, Mrs Shaikh and Miss Fle



Literacy

Communication, Language and Literacy

All children will be continuing in developing their speaking and listening skills such as; using past, present, and future forms accurately when talking about events that have happened or to happen in the future; developing their own narratives and explanations by connecting ideas or events; following instructions involving several ideas or actions. 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 continue to enjoy taking part in our daily phonics program Read, Write, Inc. They will be learning new letter sounds, beginning to read and write words and simple sentences and then applying these skills for their independent writing tasks. They will also continue to learn new red words (sight words) that we cannot sound out such as the, we, they etc.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/alphablocks>

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/Phase3Menu.htm>

Reading

Children visit the school library every **Friday** to choose books to take home so please ensure that children come with their book bag, books and yellow reading record every **Friday**. Books will also be allocated on 'Bug Club' which can be accessed at www.activelearnprimary.co.uk.

We invite you to join your child for '**Stay and Read**' which is held every **Friday** at 8.50am. We now have a selection of dual language books so please feel free to read to your child in your home language. Reading good quality stories is important for children's language development. It doesn't matter which language you read to your child, just as long as you are regularly sharing stories. Children can transfer their understanding of concepts over to English so please make this a part of your daily routine and make use of the public library and borrow books.

Writing

We will continue to apply our sound knowledge to write words and sentences. Children will be learning about different writing genres such as re-telling 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar', 'Jack and the Beanstalk', life cycles, shopping list and genres of children's interest.

In our writing we will begin to use story structure such as first, next and finally.

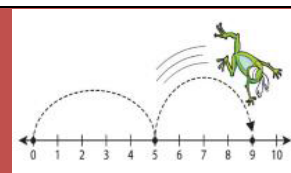
Here are some ideas for websites for the children to practise their literacy skills:

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

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Mathematical Development



In Number this term, we will be focussing on ordering numbers 1-20, solving number problems, adding and subtracting two-single digit numbers, counting on and counting back to find the answer, halving and doubling. In Shape, Space and Measure we will be learning about money, time and capacity.

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

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Topics



Our topics for this term are 'Growing' and 'Living things'

We will be reading a range of stories, poems and information books, covering all the areas of development through the topic such as, life cycles, how plants grow, animals/minibeasts and their habitats which includes similarities and differences and possible reasons for this. We will also be learning about and exploring the effects of climate change and over population on animals and their habitats.

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 and this is an excellent opportunity for them to practise their motor skills and they all enjoy it. We have asked for parents/carers to contribute £1.50 per half term.

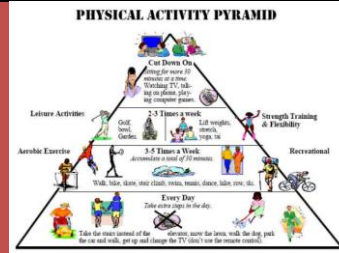


Outdoor play

Outdoor learning is an important part of foundation stage and as the children may be outside please ensure that as the weather warms up that children come to school with a sun hat, sunglasses and sun cream is applied prior to school. Furthermore, children will still need to bring a light jacket in case of a change in weather.



PE



We will be focusing on balancing, directions, catching and kicking skills and obstacle course and challenge games.

P.E is every **Friday**. Children need to wear their P.E kits from home so that they can take part in fun physical activities. P.E kits should include a white t-shirt, shorts and plimsolls. Again please label all items. We will also be learning about the importance of healthy eating and hygiene e.g. brushing teeth.



General notices/requests

Personal and Social Development

Please help your child to become more independent by encouraging and allowing time for him/her to put on their clothes and shoes unaided.

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