

Reception Spring Newsletter 2018

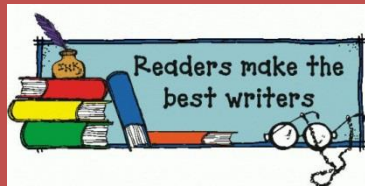
Welcome to the spring term!

We have another fun term ahead full of lots of exciting activities, many of which are detailed below. We encourage parents and carers to support children in their learning by talking about specific information related to our topics this term: 'People who help us' and 'Healthy Living'.

Please help your child to become more independent by saying goodbye to your child at the door. This allows the children organise themselves and their belongings for the day and settle into their focused play.

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

Miss Barthram, Ms Croitoriu and Miss Khan



Literacy

Communication, Language and Literacy

All children will be continuing in developing their speaking and listening skills this term such as asking questions, sequencing thoughts and responding appropriately to another person's ideas. 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 and role-play.

Phonics

Children take part in a daily phonics program called 'Read Write Inc.'. In these sessions children will learn 44 sounds and the corresponding letters/letter groups, how to read words using sound blending (Fred talk) and read stories featuring words they have learned to sound out. Also, they will learn how to write words, form simple sentences and then applying these skills for their writing tasks.

Reading

Books will be allocated weekly using the interactive resource 'Bug Club' which can be accessed at www.activelearnprimary.co.uk. Please refer to the key ring on your child's book bag for their username and password. Your child will also be given a storybook to take home every week so please ensure that children come with their book bags daily. 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 is your strongest.

Writing

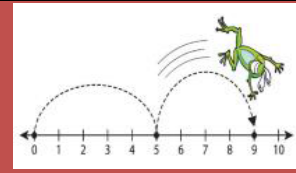
We will be applying our sound knowledge to write words and simple sentences. Children will be learning about different writing genres such as labels, captions, signs and posters, story maps, stories, letters, speech bubbles and post cards.

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

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



Mathematical Development



In Number this term, we will be focussing on number recognition (1-20), solving simple number problems, adding and taking away from a given number, counting on and counting back. In Shape, Space and Measure we will be learning about positional language, 2D and 3D shapes, weight, height and capacity.

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

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



Topics



Our topics for this term are 'People who help us, healthy living, colour, light and sound'.

This term we will be learning about people who help us, such as doctors, nurses, police and firefighters. We will also be exploring key concepts about healthy foods, fitness and hygiene. In addition to this we will be colour mixing within compositions using different mediums and techniques. Furthermore, there will be a focus on observing light and shadow. It would be beneficial to your child if you could explore these topics further with them. This may include going on a bus/train journey, visiting an art gallery or simply pointing out anything that may be related to the topic as and when you see them.

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>



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 term.

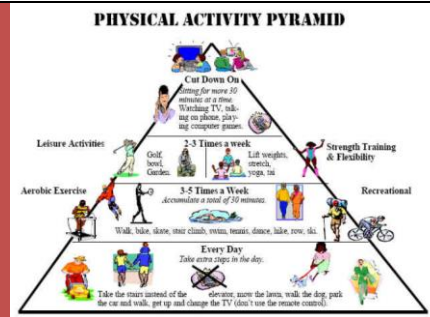


Outdoor learning

Outdoor learning is an important part of foundation stage. As the children may be outside for parts of the day, please ensure that they come to school with appropriate clothing, e.g. warm coat and wellies.



P.E.



We will be doing P.E **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 living and ways to maintain a healthy lifestyle such as exercising and having a balanced diet.