



Reception Spring Newsletter 2019

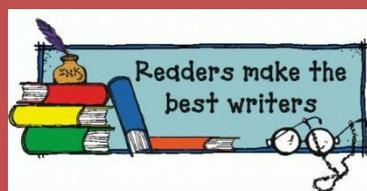
Welcome to the spring term!

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', 'Healthy Living' and topics of children's choice.

We would like to welcome Mrs Limbada (student teacher) who will be with us until the 14th of February.

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

Miss Khan, Miss Mahroof, Miss Standing



Literacy



Communication, Language and Literacy

All children will continue to develop their speaking and listening skills this term through, asking questions, sequencing thoughts and responding appropriately to another person's ideas. This area is one of the prime areas of learning and is the foundation of all other areas. To support their development, a number of activities and routines will be a regular part of daily school life such as learning partners, circle time, story time and role-play.

Phonics

Mars class have really grasped their phonic sounds, we have now moved on to set two sounds (refer to phonics sound mat given during parents evening, if you need a copy please ask). At home continue to ask your child about the new sound they are learning and get them to think about words which have that particular sound for example 'oo – zoo'. They are also learning how to write words, form simple sentences and then apply these skills for their writing tasks. We are doing amazing with our 'red words' (words we cannot sound out). This term the 'red

words' we will be learning are; to, of, we, was, go, the, I, put, said and you.

Reading

Books are allocated weekly using the interactive resource 'Bug Club' which can be accessed at www.activelearnprimary.co.uk. Your child will also be given a phonics book and a storybook to take home every week, so please ensure that children come to school with their book bags daily. I cannot stress how important it is to read with your child. This really helps children develop their understanding of language and build their experiences. If preferred, you can also read stories written in other languages not just English. Continue to join your child every Friday morning for 'Stay and Read', if you would like to read books in particular languages please request.

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.

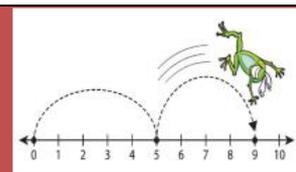
Here are some ideas for websites for the children to practise their literacy skills:

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

<http://www.ictgames.com/resources.html>



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.

In line with 'Maths Mastery, will be using many mathematical resources such as: counters, ten frames, unifix cubes and numicons. This is to ensure that children have a deep grasp of mathematical concepts through concrete experiences. This will support their understanding of more abstract ideas later on.

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

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

www.topmarks.co.uk

<http://www.ictgames.com/resources.html>

Topics

Our topics for this term are 'People who help us and Healthy Living'.

This term we will be learning about 'People who help us and healthy living' this will be linked to 'The Jolly Postman by Janet & Allan Ahlberg, The Shopping basket by John Birmingham and Handa's Surprise by Eileen Browne. 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, we will be carrying out science experiments such as bread mould investigations to see which bread grows mould the quickest e.g. clean hands or dirty hands. It would be beneficial to your child if you could explore these topics further with them. This may include exploring different occupations e.g. doctor, firemen etc., visiting the science museum 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 which they enjoy. This is an excellent opportunity for them to practise their motor skills. We have asked for parents/carers to contribute **£1.50 per term.**

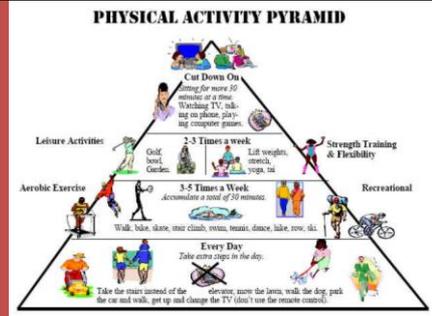


Outdoor learning

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.