

Spring Term 2 2017

Dear Parents

Welcome back to another exciting half term where we will be using the umbrella theme of spring to cover the areas of learning. In addition, we will be learning about Mother's Day, St Patrick's Day, World Book Day and of course Easter. Below is a summary of what we will be covering in each area of learning.

Literacy



The children will be able to use their new language and imaginative play in our 'role play areas. There will be daily opportunities for children to talk about their work to the class and to children in other classes. The children will be encouraged to take account of their audience as they talk about their creations. We will be looking at non-fiction books related to different Celebrations and our stories will be linked to our theme of spring. Writing opportunities will include contributing to class books and making signs, labels and cards. Children will be encouraged to listen to a range of recorded stories.

Mathematics



Activities this half term will enable the children to secure their ability to say the number that is one more or one less to 20 and beyond as well as using the numbers in their own play. We will continue to build on the children's knowledge of basic addition and subtraction through a range of indoor and outdoor practical activities. The children will get lots of opportunities to consolidate their knowledge of time, days and months. They will be encouraged to make comparisons between size, weight and capacity of various objects and to describe what they discover.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development



We will use our regular circle time sessions to increase the children's confidence to speak in a familiar group. Themes for discussion will include Family traditions and how these are celebrated in different ways by different families.

Physical Development



Our PE lessons this half term will be Dance and Apparatus and we will be continuing with our movement program. In class, there will be plenty of opportunities for children to build with Lego, wooden blocks and recycled materials. In our outdoor area we will be encouraging the children to participate in large scale construction activities. Fine motor control will continue to be developed through a variety of activities.

Understanding the World

Children will be encouraged to notice the changes in their environment as we move into spring. We will be comparing our environment to the environment of other countries looking at the flag counter on our class blog to see where the people reading our blog live. The classroom computers and ipads will be available daily to allow consolidation of skills.

Expressive arts and design



Our music lessons will teach the children a range of simple songs and allow them to add musical accompaniment with a variety of instruments. There will be a range of role play situations which children can take part in. Children will be using different joining techniques for their creations and they will be making sculptures in our outdoor area.

Other notes

- Mother's Day Assembly followed by lunch - **24/03/17 11 am in the school hall**
- Please continue to practise sounds, reading and writing with your children on a regular basis.
- Our PE days are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Please ensure that your child's PE kit is kept in school for the whole week as these days can change.
- Broom House Farm - **30/03/17 details to follow**
- Reading books will be changed weekly, days may alter due to activities so please keep books in school bag at all times.

If you have any questions, queries or concerns please don't hesitate to come and speak to us.
The Reception Team