


CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER – AUTUMN 2 2019

Literacy

Phonics lessons will continue to play an important part of our Literacy work this half term. We will be building on the knowledge taught so far to begin to blend and segment simple words for reading and writing. We will also be focussing on writing our names with correct lower case letter formation.

Our learning will span across all 7 areas of learning within the Early Years Foundation Stage. Here is a brief overview of the learning that your child will engage in over the next few weeks. We hope you find this both useful and informative. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask any member of the Reception team.

Understanding the world

We will be talking about pets and how to care for them as living things. We will be matching animal mothers to their young and thinking about safe places for our pets to live and sleep. Children will continue to have access to the, ipads, Interactive Whiteboard, story player and class CD player. We will also be observing seasonal changes as we move into Winter. 

Communication and Language

Our language work will focus on a range of fiction and non-fiction books with a particular focus this half term on pets. Show & Tell sessions will continue as a tool to develop speaking and listening skills and we will be encouraging the children to try and ask simple questions of one another to find out more information.

Physical Development




This half term we are lucky to have the opportunity to work with a PE coach who will be delivering a fundamental movement programme specifically for Early Years. These sessions will take place on Tuesday mornings, in addition to our Friday PE lessons, in which we will be developing some simple sequences of movement to music. Please ensure your child's PE kit is kept in school throughout the week and that all of your child's clothing is clearly labelled.

Expressive Arts and Design

Art activities will continue to focus on process rather than outcome. We will be offering continued opportunities to explore colour mixing using the powder paints and the children will all be encouraged to construct a home for a pet using junk materials. We continue to enjoy singing regularly as well as opportunities to investigate a range of instruments. We will be working hard towards a Christmas Nativity performance at the end of term too.

Mathematics

We will continue to investigate a variety of mathematical concepts through a range of practical activities, counting rhymes and songs. We will be focussing in particular on sorting objects into groups, comparing quantities between groups by saying which has more or fewer. We will begin to use the language involved in addition and subtraction by finding 1 more or 1 less than a given number and also talking about the passage of time in the context of day and night. 

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will continue to support the children in building relationships with both adults in school and their peers. Circle time activities with our class bear Ed Ted, provide a forum to discuss ways in which problems and disagreements can be resolved. The children will continue to have opportunities to develop self-confidence through taking turns to be the class 'helping hand.'

