

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER – SPRING 1 2020


Literacy

We will be using both fiction and non fiction texts around the theme of winter to inspire our written work this half term. Children will be encouraged to use their growing phonic knowledge to write labels, lists and simple sentences. Our phonic sessions will also continue. We will be reviewing the sounds already taught as well as learning some new ones.



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 the things people and animals do in the winter and noticing the seasonal changes. There will be opportunities to investigate melting ice and to find out about the best materials to keep us warm. We will also be finding out a little bit about education in other parts of the world as part of the 'Connecting Classrooms' project. 

Communication and Language

Our weekly Show and Tell sessions will continue. We send a little note each week to let you know what the theme is going to be the following week, so watch out for these in the book bags. We have a daily story time, as well as whole class carpet times, which are opportunities for children to develop both speaking and listening skills too.

Physical Development



Our PE sessions this half term will be on Mondays and sometimes on Fridays too. We will be focussing on developing fundamental movement skills through lots of fun games and activities. 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. We will continue to develop fine motor skills through 'finger gym' activities in the classroom. We will also be helping children to be independent in managing the fastenings on their coats.

Expressive Arts and Design

Art activities will centre on winter themes. There will be opportunities to explore colour mixing and to use a variety of resources to create models and collages. We will continue to have a weekly music lesson where we will be learning new songs and rhymes connected to our topic and where we will be using instruments to provide accompaniments for these. Our Ice Palace role play area will give the children opportunities to work imaginatively and collaboratively with others.

Mathematics

Our mathematical activities this half term will focus on counting accurately and in particular on exploring how numbers are composed of smaller numbers which combine to make the total. We will be recording our findings using everyday objects, pictures and numerical notation. We will also be making comparisons between numbers, using vocabulary such as more than and less than. We will use non standard units of measure to compare lengths, widths and heights.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Ed Ted, our class teddy bear, always joins us for our PSE lessons and the children love listening and responding to the various stories and scenarios which Ed Ted shares with us. Through these the children are encouraged to think about how other people might be feeling and how they might work and play cooperatively together. Each child will also have their turn to be the 'helping hand' which is an opportunity to take responsibility within the class. 