

Reception Spring 1 Newsletter

Just a few notes to keep you updated on what's happening in Reception over this half term.



Topic - Toys



Communication and Language We have carpet time and news time each week where children can share information about home. Please continue to send in your moments from home sheets as these are a good prompt to remind the children about their news, we can then add these to your child's learning journal. We will be teaching the children how to answer 'how' and 'why' questions about their experiences and in response to stories or events.

Understanding the World The children will be learning about winter, we will look for signs of winter and will be making a winter collage. Hopefully this winter there will be plenty of ice outside for the children to explore. Please make sure the children come to school in a warm coat as we do go outside in all weather.

Physical Development The children will have PE on a Tuesday afternoon with their class teacher. We will continue our active Thursday afternoons outside where we will complete different activities such as the fitness trail, using the parachute and other outdoor equipment. This can be further developed by encouraging them to be active and try new activities.

PSHE In PSHE the children will be learning about the school's value of thankfulness in assemblies. We will also be learning about Going for Goals during our carpet time sessions. We will remind children about our school rules and promote positive behaviour and good manners.

Mathematics

We will continue working on addition and will introduce subtraction as well as recapping 2D and 3D shape. We have already started learning about money and adding coins together. To support your child's learning please show them some coins and help them to understand the different values. We will complete Big Maths on a Monday morning, focussing on doubles and mental maths. It would really help your child if they can recognise and write numbers to 10. Please see attached Big Maths sheet to try at home.



Literacy

In literacy we will be teaching the children to use their phonic knowledge when reading and writing. We will continue to introduce the children to new and familiar stories. In phonics we will be introducing new sounds and focusing on blending and segmenting to support reading words and simple sentences. To support your children please encourage them to be a reading hero by reading at least three times at home during the week. We look forward to welcoming parents in to read on a Friday afternoon.

Expressive Art and Design This half term our role play area will be a toy shop, the children will be encouraged to use real money to 'buy' toys and will be able to take turns being the shop assistant and the customer. We will continue to teach the children new skills through our weekly art activities and give them opportunities to be creative with a variety of materials. Please continue to send in any unwanted boxes or art resources that you no longer require. Each morning we start our day with brain gym, if your child has a favourite song please let us know so we can add this to our music list.