

# 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 go outside in all weather.

**Physical Development** The children will have a dance lesson on a Tuesday afternoon with Mr Campney. We will continue our weekly active afternoon outside where we will complete different activities such as the fitness trail, using the parachute and the climbing frame. This can be further developed by encouraging children to be active and try new activities.

**PSHE** In PSHE the children will be learning about the school's value of perseverance in worship. We will also be learning about Dreams and 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 subtraction as well as recapping 2D and 3D shape. We have already started leaning 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 introduce Big Maths at the start of the term, focussing on doubles and mental maths. It would really help your child if they can recognise and write numbers to 10. We will send a Big Maths sheet home for children to have a try.



### **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. The children will continue to be able to visit the art table during child initiated time. 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.