

# Reception Newsletter

Spring 2018

**Welcome** to the second Reception newsletter of the year! We hope that it will give you a little insight into what the children will be learning across all the areas of the curriculum over the course of the next term. Towards the end of the newsletter you will find reminders or further details about school activities and events.

The children in Reception continue to impress us all with how they have settled into school. Their fantastic behaviour and attitude to learning makes the Reception Team proud on a daily basis! We had a great first term and the children loved our Fantasy topic; we can't wait to get going this term!

Our topic this half term is...

## People who Help Us

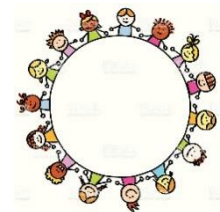


### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

The children are beginning to form great relationships with one another and the adults across the year group. We will continue to support the children in sharing, taking turns and resolving conflicts. The children will also be reflecting on themselves, the things that they are good at and setting themselves goals.

We will continue to reinforce our school rules and reminding the children how to keep these rules when they are learning and playing.

### Communication and Language



The children are continuing to learn how to be a good listener in different situations including whole group and one to one interactions. They will be partaking in daily Circle Times where they will be encouraged to talk about themselves and their experiences, as well as listen to others. They will be given lots of opportunities to speak, widen their vocabulary and encouraged to use the correct tense.



## Physical Development

The children will continue to take part in two P.E. sessions a week; these will be on a Monday and Friday. The children will mainly be working on coordination and using small equipment. One of the weekly P.E sessions will be have a Gymnastics focus and will be led by Miss Christmas who has many years' experience as a gymnastics coach. **Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school;** this can be left in school and will be sent home at the end of each half term. We encourage the children to get dressed and undressed independently so please keep practicing this at home!

As well as their P.E. sessions the children work on their physical skills every day. The children are able to access the outdoor equipment throughout the day and they will be taking part in lots of fine motor activities to develop the strength and control needed to hold a pencil effectively for writing.



## Literacy

The children will be taking part in daily Phonics sessions. Here they will be learning a new sound whether these are individual or digraphs (two letters that make one sound, for example 'sh'). The children will be using this knowledge to hear sounds in words and attempt to write them. Some children will even begin to write simple sentences using capital letters, full stops and finger spaces! As part of our English sessions, children will be reading non-fiction books about People who Help Us and attempting to write labels, instructions, letters and simple reports. Children will also be able to continually access writing opportunities in the classrooms and in the outside environment.



## Mathematics

The children will continue to partake in a daily Maths session. This term we will carry on practicing accurate counting, number recognition and begin to apply these skills in basic addition and subtraction problems. The children will be using 2D shapes for activities and be learning the names and properties of 3D shapes, too! We will be exploring measurement; with a particular focus on weight and capacity.

## Understanding of the World



As part of our People who Help Us topic the children have chosen to learn about Police Officers, Fire Fighters, Doctors, Nurses , Vets and Teachers! We will be inviting people in these professions to come in and talk to the children about their roles, as well using books and the internet to find out more.

In technology, we will continue to use programs on the iPads and classroom computers safely.



## Expressive Arts and Design

The children will be creating representations of People who Help Us and their equipment, for example painting doctors and using junk to make stethoscopes! We will provide a range of role play areas such as a Police Station, Vets and Hospital to allow the children to act out different scenarios.

The children will continue to learn new songs and exploring the sounds made by a variety of instruments as well as roleplaying well known stories.

### Homework

The children will continue to take home their weekly homework on a Thursday. Homework is a great way for children to practise the skills that they are learning at school so please encourage your child to complete it every week. Please ensure their homework books are returned by the following Monday.

### Home readers

Please ensure that you read with your children regularly. When you do it would be really helpful if you could write a comment in their home reader book. Keep practising their key words too. We have noticed that some of these key word cards are not in home reader packs; if these have gone astray please do let us know and we can replace them.

## Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January - Learn Alongside mornings

Week commencing 26<sup>th</sup> February - Book Week

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March - Mother's Day Event

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March and Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March - Parents Evening

Thank you for your support!

Mrs Moore and Mrs Verwey