

R1S Reception Newsletter Spring Term 2018

Welcome back to everyone. We hope you had a lovely Christmas and we wish you and your family a happy new year! The children have returned well following the holidays and many are now independently sorting their own belongings on a morning.

Our topic this half term is going to be about Famous people. We will look at famous people from the present day and the past! However, as always this will run alongside planning that comes from the children's developing interests and this happens one day for the next, or in the moment! We support and extend children's developments using what they are interested in.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will be doing more work this term on developing the children's skills in conflict resolution ie talking and listening to each other and learning how to sort out little disagreements amongst themselves. We will also be working on listening carefully to each other and responding appropriately to others' comments.



Communication and Language

We will continue to develop our listening skills and will be looking at four main skills for listening. When a person is talking to us we must: keep quiet, sit still, look at the person who is talking and listen to all the words that are said. We have been learning lots of new games to help us develop these skills.



Physical Development



In PE the children will be developing team game skills as well as continuing to develop with gymnastic movements such as balances, rolls, jumps and different ways of moving. P.E will be on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please ensure that your child has their P.E kit in school every week and that it is clearly named. In the classroom there will be lots of opportunities for children to develop their fine motor skills, particularly the use of scissors.

Literacy

Our oral storytelling work will be based around 'Whatever Next.' Phonics continues to be a high priority in class. Daily lessons recap over the digraph sounds that have been learned so far, along with developing the skill of spotting these digraphs within words. Alongside this, the children will also be working hard on their phonological awareness skills, this enables them to play with the sounds in words eg producing rhyming words. This term we are beginning more formal handwriting skills, starting with how to sit at a table properly and hold a pencil correctly. We aim that the



children will be able to form all their letters correctly as well as orientate them on a line. It will take lots of practise and hard effort as this is really tricky for young children.

Mathematics



This term we will be continuing to practise reading, writing and ordering numbers to 20. We will also be investigating measures and comparing weight, height, length and capacity. We will also be continuing to use mathematical language in other areas of our learning.

Understanding the World

The focus for this part of the curriculum will be thinking about famous people in our lives and comparing the lives of people now and in the past. We will also be thinking about how famous people have influenced other people's lives.

Expressive Arts and Design



The children will have the opportunity to use the instruments to compose their own songs and music. We will continue to learn our rhymes. We will be learning the rhyme 'Sing a song of sixpence'.

What can you do to help?

- ✓ Practise speed sounds regularly.
- ✓ Read regularly at home both home-reading books and bedtime stories.
- ✓ Practise counting forwards and backwards to 20.

Important dates for your diary

Wednesday 17th - Topic 'We are Famous!' day. Dress up optional!

Friday 9th Feb School closes normal time

Monday 19th February - school re-opens.

Thursday 29th March - SCHOOL closes at 2.30pm

Please remember we are here to help -please pop in and speak to us if you have any queries.

Many thanks for your support,

Miss Shepherd, Mrs Headdock, Miss O'Brien, Miss Wilson, Miss Lonsdale and Mrs Moores.