



RECEPTION CLASS CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Summer 2017

Welcome back everyone.

The children have returned to school happy and rested and have settled back into routines really well.

Our Early Years' Curriculum this term is based around developing skills through the topics **Spring, Growth and Under the Sea.**

Communication, Language and Literacy

In Literacy we will be focusing on storytelling. By immersing themselves in stories the children will be learning about characters, settings and the beginning, middle and end of stories.

Within these story structures we will be encouraging the children to develop their creativity and imagination. Children who tell stories are able to use these skills to help them to write with confidence and fluency. We will also continue to focus on the mechanics of letter formation, phonics, finger spaces, capital letters and full stops.

Children are making amazing progress with their reading. Some children are moving onto the next reading bands already! The children are ready to use their skills more independently and so we would encourage you to let them read their books to you first so that they are less reliant on their memory. They then can use their skills of sounding out and blending the sounds to read the word. It has been lovely to see the children using their knowledge of letters and sounds and letter formation independently during child initiated activities.

Mathematics

In Numeracy we will consolidate existing skills and introduce new ones. We will set up a shop in the classroom for the children to learn about money. The shop will also provide opportunities for problem solving, adding and subtracting, counting in 2's, 5's 10's etc. This term the children will be learning the foundation skills needed for adding and subtracting simple numbers. They will be learning about time, seasons, months, days of the week and time. They will also be learning about 'more or less', working on adding on and counting back. The children will also continue to work on number recognition, measure, shapes and sorting.

Physical Development

We will be working on a combination of movement, stability and object control. The children will be learning to handle tools and equipment effectively, including pencils for writing. We will be learning about ways to keep healthy and safe.

We have PE sessions on Fridays. To make getting changed for PE more manageable, please could you ensure that your children's names are on all items of their clothing.

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will be looking at the work of different artists as well as doing art work linked to our topics. They will be exploring a variety of materials, tools and techniques. They will be given lots of opportunities to experiment with colour, shape and design.

If you have any questions about the children's planned learning opportunities for this term, or any other queries please don't hesitate to arrange an appointment with the class teacher.