

Reception Curriculum letter – Summer 2018

Dear Parents, carers.

We are looking forward to an exciting Summer term.

In line with the Foundation Stage Curriculum we will ensure activities create opportunities for children to ‘**Play and Explore**’, ‘**Actively Learn**’ and ‘**Think Creatively and Critically**’ all of which are characteristics of effective learning.

The following information outlines the Learning and Development for this term in all areas of learning in the **Foundation Stage Curriculum**.

PRIME AREAS

Personal, Social and Emotional Development



During this term we will prepare children for their move into Year 1. We will take them on visits to see their new classrooms and teachers, making it all a very positive experience.

This term children will experience the type of curriculum they have in year one with independent challenges set during each session, where they have to work independently.

Physical development



PE – In this final term children will be having PE lessons, these may be indoor or outdoors. We will be taking part in dance, drama and a variety of sports.

We will also be practising our hand writing, looking at letter formation.

How could you help at home? – give your child lots of opportunities to write and have fun doing this.

Communication and Language Development



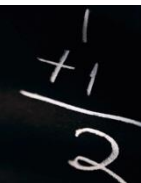
In this area of development we will be planning activities based around the observations of your children. We make observations of children in their work and play to find out their interests, enthusiasms and learning styles, this enables us to plan activities that motivate, engage and excite them. This technique then leads to high levels of involvement and extends their communication and Language development with peers and adults. A particular focus will be encouraging children to retell their favourite stories and some traditional stories.

How could you help at home?

Tell and read stories to your child and ask them questions about it afterwards. Can they decide which story they like the best? Why do they like it so much?

SPECIFIC AREAS

Mathematics



We will continue with our maths sessions. Children will be experiencing different counting activities and also have facts to learn each week. This term the facts are $2 + 1$ and

$2 + 3$, the children will be working on knowing these facts instantly. The maths bags will continue to be sent home, thank you for the positive comments we have received from you.

How could you help at home?

Count with your child each day, try starting from different numbers. Try counting backwards, counting in 2's, and 10's.

Literacy



As in the Spring term we will continue the Read Write Inc Literacy programme, Fred Time.

All children will continue to choose a book buzz book to share with you at home. Please spend time talking to your child and sharing the book. They may bring the same book home more than once this is a great opportunity for them to get to know the story and be able to retell it independently.

This term our focus for stories is looking at rhyme in stories and poems.

How could you help at home?

Read both stories and poetry to your child. Why not tell them your favourite poem

Understanding of the world



Forest Schools continues to develop in Reception. The children are always excited about this time. This term we will be investigating the seasons and the change in our Forest School environment, using reference books and photographs.

It is the season for planting and growing therefore we will be looking closely at a variety of plants and seeds, how they grow, what they need to grow and developing experiments around this.

How could you help at home?

Look around your local environment and with your child spot the changes that are occurring.

Expressive Arts and Design



This term we spend a lot of time outside looking at our local environment. We use this as a provocation for our art. Children will be drawing, painting sketching and using a variety of media to create their own pieces of art. We have purchased several art books this year that we are using as a provocation for our art work.

The Summer term is an exciting, busy time for us all. This is a brief overview of some of the activities we will be doing this term, however as explained in the Early Years Curriculum we develop opportunities based on children's interests and enthusiasms and adapt our planning as these appear. So talk to your child about their day at school to find out more!

IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

Reception School Trip. Tuesday 12th June we are going to Birmingham Hippodrome to watch 'What the ladybird heard'.

End of year celebration – We will be holding a strawberry tea party in this last term letter to follow.

Thank you for your continued support.
Mrs Hanmer