



Reception – Spring Term 2018

A very Happy New Year and welcome back to school.

Our topic for this term is 'Around the world', your child will enjoy learning about different countries that are of interest to them and their friends. If you have any well known stories or songs from your own culture, we would love you to share them with us! Please speak to your class teacher.

Our learning activities this term will be based around this topic and will take place indoors and outdoors wherever possible.

Communication & Literacy

During literacy the children will be taught, and will have a chance to develop reading and writing skills to encourage their independence. Stories, rhyming poems, fiction and non-fiction texts will be used. We will continue our work on phonics to allow your children to become independent readers.

Children will continue to bring home library books, please ensure their library book is kept in their book bags, to ensure they are changed every week.

We will be starting our Guided Reading sessions with small groups of children this term. Please ensure you read a story to your child every evening and your child reads their reading book, as we want your child to develop a love for books and stories.

Mathematical Development

The children will:

- develop mathematical language relating to size, shape, colour and capacity
- count, read, write and order numbers 1 – 20
- adding one more and two more to a given number up to 20
- continue to learn and sort 2D and 3D shapes

Understanding the World

We will be observing similarities and differences between different countries around the world, looking at the environment, the weather, and clothes people wear, and the different food people eat.

We will be using ICT and Google maps to look at our local area and create our own maps. The children will continue to have opportunities to use construction kits and 'junk' materials to learn about joining and fixing, and to help manipulative skills.

Expressive Arts & Design

We will encourage children to join in singing as a group and to experience percussion instruments. We shall be using a wide range of materials and developing the children's ideas to design, make and construct. We will be drawing, painting, printing and using collage inspired by different countries and cultures.

Physical Development

Children will continue to improve their bodily control and co-ordination. This term this will be through games, gym and outdoor activities (weather permitting).

Please ensure your child has a PE kit in school and that all the clothes are labelled.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will be continuing with the Challenge Table where children are encouraged to complete tasks independently, and structured activities where children have to listen to their partner.

Thank you for your continuous support, from The Foundation Stage.