



Reception- Curriculum Newsletter
Spring 2

<p>English</p>	<p>Writing- In English we will as always continue to delve deep into the imaginations of the children using drawing club to bring out their inquisitive, quirky, fantastic ideas. We will continue to share a variety of stories that will expose the children to new vocabulary as well as books they may not have seen or read before. From this it enables the children to flourish and build on their imaginations when it comes to story-telling and their writing. The children will use the knowledge they gain from each of the stories to then create their own and transfer it into their own pieces of writing.</p> <p>As always we will continue to work on fine motor and gross motor skills to help children with their pencil grip/mark making. We do this by taking part in activities such as squiggle and dough disco as well as small activities in our provision in the classroom. We also now have intervention groups in place to help focus on those that may need more support with their handwriting. The children are now being encouraged to write simple CVC words, short sentences and even multiple sentences as well as using tricky words, punctuation (full stops and capital letters) with a big focus on the formation of their letters.</p> <p>Reading- In reading, children will continue to read with a teacher/adult once a week. However, we have now started Guided reading groups therefore, we may not find the time to also read with each child individually, we do encourage that you try to read with your children as often as possible at home. Please feel free to write any books you have read at home (they don't have to be the ones we have sent from school). In the Guided reading groups we focus on building up their fluency, prosody and comprehension skills. The children will now have received their logins for accessing the online library which are stuck in the front of their reading records. A letter has also been sent home explaining how this works!</p> <p>Phonics- The children are now split into two separate groups to work at their level and to ensure they are keeping up/retaining the new sounds that we are learning each day. All the children are now on Phase 3 sounds and we do Phonics four times a week which is lots of opportunity for them to practice. However, we do encourage parents to work on their Phonics at home as well as we are starting to notice gaps where certain children are not retaining some of their sounds and are struggling to segment and blend when reading. At parents evening I will inform you of where they are up to in their Phonics and we will be sending sheets home for your children to practice.</p>	<p>(ABC)</p>
<p>Maths</p>	<p>In Maths, over Spring 2 we will be focusing on a variety of different Mathematical concepts. These include looking at length, height and time, focusing on what time actually is, how long it may take to do something as well as sequencing time such as 'yesterday, today', routines and ordering. We will also continue to embed our knowledge of numbers looking at numbers beyond 5 and securing our knowledge of 9 and 10, exposing them more to number bonds and doubles. We will also spend a lesson each week focusing on shapes, particularly 3D shapes.</p>	<p>(2+3=5)</p>



Science	<p>FRIDAY SESSIONS- Hopefully we will start to see a change in weather which will make Forest school more accessible and less muddy for the children!</p> <p>The children will continue to attend our Forest School sessions once a week (Fridays) so please ensure the children have access to waterproofs and a pair of wellies. We will discover how our natural environment continues to change throughout the year and will use the natural resources we have access to for a variety of activities.</p> <p>Science lessons- This term we will be encouraging curiosity, the children will be exploring the natural world through hands-on investigation, discovering how processes and changes occur around us. We will be looking at units such as Push and pull, light and dark, freeze and melt.</p>	
PSHE/RSE	<p>Relationships- In this unit we will be looking at ways to make friends and be kind to others. How to calm ourselves down and regulate, how to solve problems/disagreements as well as feeling like you belong. This will be good for the children as often they struggle to share or agree on things, therefore it will help them understand ways of solving any issues.</p>	
RE	<p>In RE we will continue to focus on special people and their beliefs. We will be focusing on Christianity and Hinduism and understanding that people around the world have different faiths and religions.</p> <p>We will continue our celebrations topic by looking at the Holi hindu Festival (4th March)</p> <p>We will also then move onto learning about the Easter story and Jesus in preparation for Easter.</p>	
PE	<p>In PE we will continue to attend one PE lesson a week with Miss Hennessey and one with FTFC.</p> <p>With Fleetwood Town they will be focusing on listening and attention, following instructions as well as fundamental movements.</p> <p>With Miss Hennessey we will be looking at ways of safely moving around a space, creating our own actions and putting a routine together to music (Dance).</p> <p>The children will also be starting balance bikes for 6 weeks.</p>	
Music	<p>In Music we will be working with Mrs Blundell. Looking at the beats and rhythms, introducing new musical instruments and creating our own music patterns. As well as looking at a new range of vocabulary such as tempo, beat, pulse.</p>	
History	<p>We focus daily on History without even being aware of it with our learning journey, talking about the past, understanding life in the olden days as well as links to the curiosity approach which give children the opportunity to use items from the past that spark their curiosity. We will also be learning about the story of Easter in RE which links to the past as well as this we will also be looking at a variety of traditional tales and making links of how they have changed over time.</p>	



Geography	We will not have a main focus on Geography this half term as last half term we explored different places around the world.	
Art	<p>The children will be encouraged this term to create more art using junk modelling (therefore, if you have any boxes etc at home please send them in).</p> <p>We will also be looking at artists and their own pieces of work- Having a go at creating our own art work similar to them and their ideas. We will select a new artist every few weeks to focus on and create similar pieces to display in our classroom.</p> <p>We will also be focusing on-'How can we explore colour?' Finding a variety of ways and resources to create colourful masterpieces.</p>	
	<p>Our enrichment this half term:</p> <p>We will be planning a Mother's day event with the Nursery that Mums will be invited to! More details will be sent out nearer the time once it has been arranged.</p> <p>I am hoping to arrange a school trip for the start of summer term! More information will be sent out once this has been officially organised and plans put into place.</p> <p>Please continue to read with your children at home and practice their sounds as well as name writing/writing CVC words and simple sentences. The support and extra practice at home does not go unnoticed.</p> <p>Thank you Miss Hennessey</p>	